



Talking Circles

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Washington County Community Circles

"Repairing harm to victims, holding clients accountable and building a better community."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cruising Along...

WCCC hopes you are enjoying your summer! Often in summer we see a decline in volunteering or case referrals as Minnesotans emerge from the winter caves and get out and enjoy our beautiful state and all that summer has to offer. This summer we have been impressed with the dedication of our volunteers and partners to keep WCCC running! We have completed new cases, held Sentencing Circles, and added new volunteers.

Part of keeping WCCC running has also included operations improvements. We've revamped [our website](#) and added a [blog](#) where we share information on our organization's activities and updates as well as Restorative Justice articles, events, and activities in our community and around the world. We hope you follow us on Facebook to stay informed about our blog posts. We've also added new resources to potential [Circle clients/applicants](#) as well as partners on how to get [a case](#) referred to Circle.

We are continuing to improve our onboarding experience for volunteers, adding more structure and support to make volunteering easy and well-supported. A preview of this onboarding plan can also be found on our website at www.peacemakingcircles.org

WCCC is also partnering with the Washington County Assistant County Attorney, Woodbury Police Department and Washington County Attorney's Office to offer an informational night titled: *Sex Trafficking in Washington County: A Multi-Faceted Response* presented on September 7th. Register to guarantee your spot.

As we look forward to the next season, we would encourage you all to think of one person to share this newsletter with and to encourage them to attend our [Circle 101 Training](#), which has been scheduled for October 13th -14th. Or, if you haven't attended a training, please consider [signing up](#) yourself. It is worth it just for my mom's great home-cooked food and hospitality. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

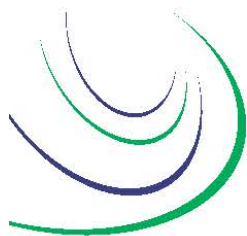
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Upcoming Events

- September 7th
 - Sex Trafficking in Washington County: A Multi-Faceted Response
- October 13th & 14th
 - Community Circle 101 Training
- Fall 2017
 - Planning for 2018 International Restorative Practices Conference

Partners in (Repairing the harm of) Crime



Washington County Community Circles

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Sex Trafficking in Washington County: A Multi-Faceted Response

presented by

Imran Ali, Assistant County Attorney, Washington County

Paul Kroshus, Detective, Woodbury Police Department

Kathy Woxland, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Washington County Attorney's Office

Over the past several years, the Washington County Attorney's Office (and Woodbury Police Department) have prioritized and focused efforts on combatting sex trafficking within the county. This has also involved an effort to reduce the demand for prostitution within the county by prosecuting individuals seeking out prostitutes. According to the Advocates for Human Rights, 8,000 to 12,000 people are estimated to be involved in prostitution/sex trafficking in Minnesota every day. In this presentation, the presenters will provide an overview of their work and what they see to educate and identify ways the community can be engaged and take action to combat prostitution and sex trafficking in our community. This event is **free and open to the public**, but requires registration.

Thursday, September 7, 2017

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Family Means, Stillwater (Desch Room)

1875 Northwestern Avenue South

Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Registration required

(Free and open to the public)

<https://goo.gl/forms/jOHEZALUomFVVpR62>



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New Website

Updating the Washington County Community Circles website has been something the Board of Directors has wanted to do for a long time. After over a year of work redesigning, reviewing and updating content, and identifying a fresh new look, the new website went live in April. If you haven't checked it out, please take some time to poke around and check out all the information on the new website. We hope you find the new website to be a great resource about the work we do and much easier to navigate.

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Check Out Our Blog

When the website was redesigned, we also decided to add a blog to our website in an attempt to keep all of you updated on all of the wonderful things that are going on with WCCC. The blog is a great place to learn about trainings, conversations with partners, fundraisers, and more. Plus, the blog is full of pictures of all these activities to check out. Additionally, you have the ability to comment or "like" our posts to let us know you are reading and what you think about them. If you have any ideas on blog posts we should consider, feel free to let us know!

Learning experiences are like journeys. The journey starts where the learning is now, and ends when the learner is successful. The end of the journey isn't knowing more, it's doing more. — Julie Dirksen

Community Circle 101 Training

Join WCCC in their fall Community Circle 101 training to be held on October 13th -14th. Registration is open! Please sign up to reserve your spot.

Participants will learn about:

- Origins of the Circle process—ritual, tradition, values, balance
- Values, principles, and components of the Circle process
- Types of Circles—Healing, Sentencing, Support

Registration ends October 7th.

[Click here to register.](#)

Or click on the flyer to learn more about the training.



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"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." —Dr. Loretta Scott

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