

WCCC Circle Training Summary

May 2017 (1.5-day training)

WCCC, Inc. conducted a Circle 101 training in the May 2017. The training was held on Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, 2017 at La Lake Retreat Center in Woodbury. There were 8 participants and 5 trainers (Gary Schurrer, Katie Schurrer, Lynn Schurrer, Joe Spolidoro, and Bob Storlie) attending the training.

* Six of seven participants completed the training evaluation, which results in a 86% response rate.

* All (100%) of participant evaluations rated the training as "5 out of 5." When asked what were the 2 least valuable aspects of the training - none of the participants reported any.

* All (100%) participants indicated the length of the training was just right.

* Participants were asked to state the most valuable aspects of the training. They stated:

The honesty of the volunteers

The kindness from everyone

There are people out there who really care about one another and want to make a difference in society

Understanding a broader sense of how Circles can be used in the criminal justice systems

*The experience of trainers
That the growth continue and spread in as many ways as possible*

Putting on other people's shoes is always enlightening

The mock circle

Speaking in Circle about values

identifying the values we all share

listening to others

Meeting people and hearing what they say

Becoming a circle member and participant

* Participants were asked to state the least valuable aspects of the training. None were reported.

Participants indicated their level of agreement with seven different statements. All statements, except one, had 100% agreement (either agree or strongly agree). Mean scores for each statement (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) are included below:

<i>I have a good understanding of the Circle process.</i>	4.7
<i>I plan to use what I've learned in the training.</i>	4.9
<i>The training will make me a better volunteer.</i>	5.0
<i>I would recommend this training to others.</i>	5.0
<i>I want to volunteer with Circle because of this training.</i>	4.7
<i>The trainers were knowledgeable.</i>	5.0
<i>The trainers were effective trainers.</i>	5.0

* Participants were also invited to include other comments for WCCC and the trainers, which are included below:

The trainers were great and I would recommend this to others

Thank you for your persistence and perseverance over the years to ensure this resource is available in Washington County

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