

Washington County Community Circles

A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

What can victims expect?

Comparing Circle to the Traditional Process

- Circle usually works with a client for longer than the traditional court process (16+ months)
- Victims may choose to participate in all Circles—or may choose to have Circles just for them
- Victims may participate in the Sentencing Circle
- Once referred to Circle, decisions are made by consensus by the Circle (volunteers, client and victim – if participating)

Process & Opportunities for Repairing Harm

WCCC is victim-driven and we appreciate the complexities of crime and its impact on victims and the community. Victims are always offered individual **Healing Circle** for themselves (with support people of their choosing).

Victims are also given a choice about the **extent of their participation** in Circles for the client. WCCC strives to support victims by respecting their choices and **encouraging victims to seek additional support** from advocacy organizations, like Tubman, therapists or counselors, and others to ensure safety measures are being taken and that victims have support within and outside of the Circle.

Email us (contact@peacemakingcircles.org) or call (651-492-4996) with any questions.



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

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