

Circle Training Workshop: *To Support the Success of Alaska Native Youth* **Anchorage, Alaska**

Travel Scholarship available for travel, lodging and meals

August 22-24, 2017

Background and Purpose

Practitioners of innovative and culturally-appropriate intervention/diversion services for at-risk youth will train rural community members ready to implement circle processes with their tribal youth.

The Circle process honors the presence and dignity of every participant, values the contribution of every participant, emphasizes the connectedness of all things, supports emotional and spiritual expressions and gives equal voice to all (*Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Tribal Circle Handbook*).

Circles Can Help Many Situations and Needs to Support Youth

Circumstances in which Circles can be valuable are virtually unlimited. Here are a few areas where the use of Circles hold enormous potential or are already in use: Schools, Youth Centers, Families, Support for Grief, Community Building, Local Planning, Environmental Issues - and these uses of Circles are just the beginning...

The Circle can be also be effectively used to problem-solve criminal justice issues -- diverting youth engaged in crimes from State systems to a more Local control for resolving conflicts that is culturally appropriate.

Whatever the need or use, Circles bring people together in a good way. Taking time to sit down, listen to each other, and express mutual care and concern is restorative. Especially among those who live and work together, the Circle experience can help to problem-solve challenges and move relationships to much deeper levels.

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Project Goals

- 1) Introduce participants in the purposes of the "Circle" to mediate harm and conflict in a manner aligned with community values.
- 2) Participants will learn the intentions, philosophies and styles of different approaches to using a "Circle" for restorative justice and identify an approach aligned with their community's value of supporting Alaska Native youth.
- 3) Provide participant with guidelines in identifying a person who can be a facilitator of the circle process in their respective community.

Location: Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

Deadline: February 20, 2017 or until slots are filled

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