

Checklist for Restorative Circles

- Chairs/participants in a circle
- Centerpiece
- Talking piece(s)
- Participants' own talking pieces
- Mindfulness moment
- Community agreements phrased positively & posted
- Opportunity to add new agreements to the list
- Agenda and agreements review and affirmation
- Visible value cards or document
- Opening ceremony
- Closing ceremony
- A light and lively or fun activity
- Is the talking piece respected?
- Is everyone contributing equally?
- Is step up/step back used?
- Is the circle-keeper participating in go-arounds?
- Does the circle-keeper invite participation? e.g. *I invite you to...*
- Does the circle-keeper thank participants?
- Is there a spirit of "agreeing to disagree"?
- Is the circle judgment free?

