Restorative Justice Practice

in Schools

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Lecture Video Plan

Week 12

Agenda

Week 12 Activities

Overview of Restorative Practices and Circle-Based Approaches

Exploring Proactive and Responsive Circle Formats

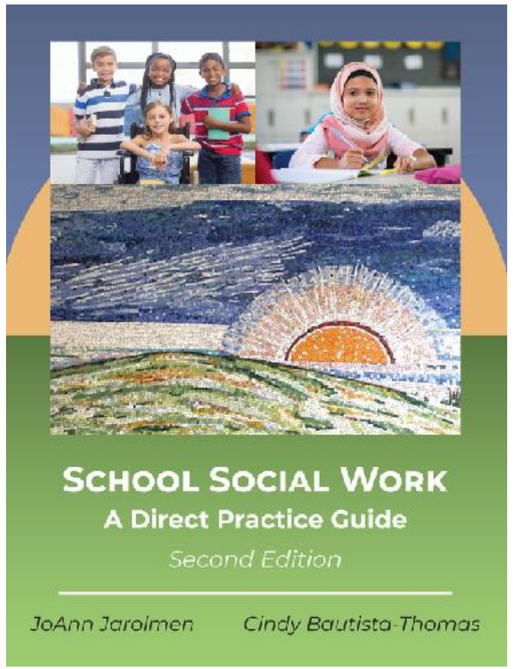
Guidelines and Facilitation Strategies for Restorative Circles

Learning Objectives

- Identify and describe the core goals and formats of restorative justice circle practices used in school settings.
- Understand the different formats that restorative groups can take.

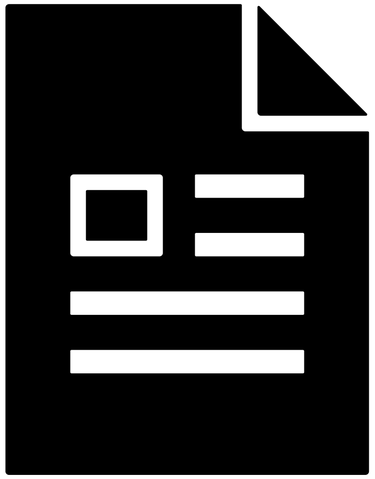
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Tasks for the Week



Read Chapter 9

Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention Skills for Individuals - Section II



Submit A-04: Social Policy Macro Issue



Make 3 Replies in the Forums

- Your Work With Individuals
- Further Exploration of Interventions in School Social Work
- Criminal Justice-Involved Student Case Study
- Textbook Discussion Questions

Engage with Additional Resources



Spokane Public Schools (2017) and Restorative Practices Working Group. (2014)



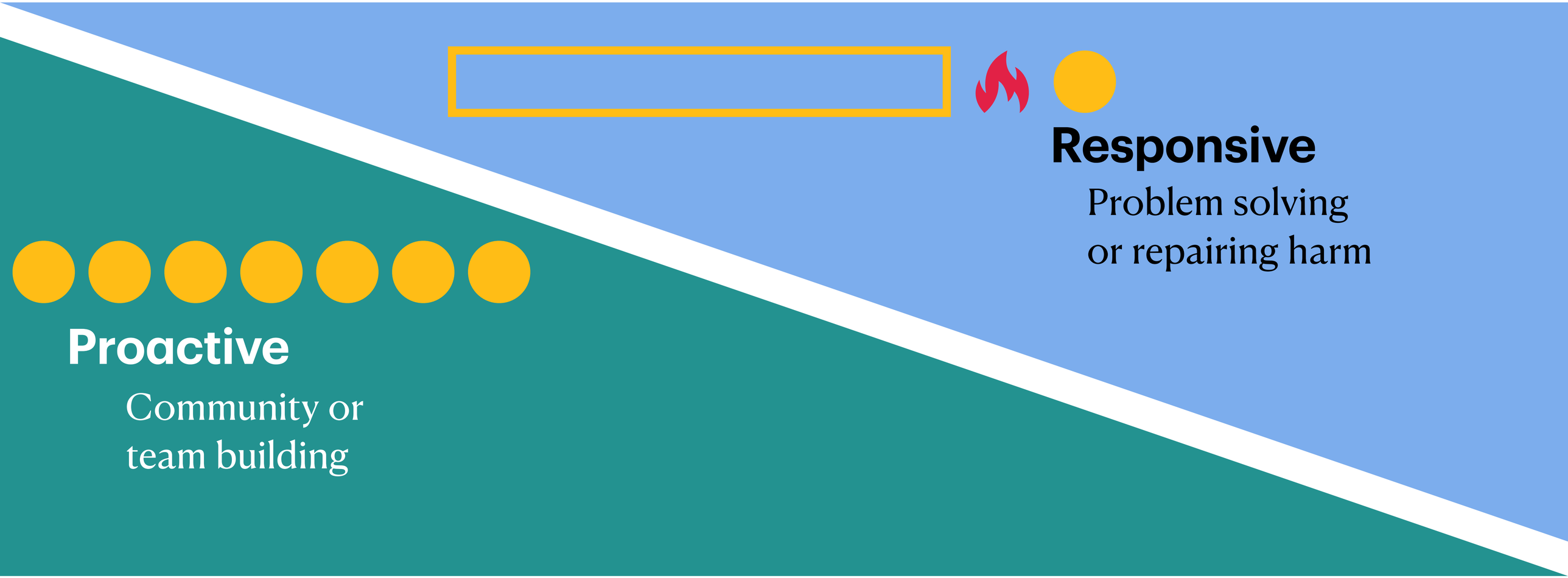
Types of Restorative Practices
In Schools

- Restorative Justice
- Community conferencing
- Community service
- Peer juries
- Circle process
- Preventative and post-conflict resolution programs
- Peer mediation
- Informal restorative practices
- Social-emotional learning (SEL)

(Restorative Practices Working Group, 2014)

Group Categories

In Restorative Justice Circle Groups



Responsive

Problem solving
or repairing harm

Proactive

Community or
team building

(Clifford, 2013)

Circle Core Guidelines

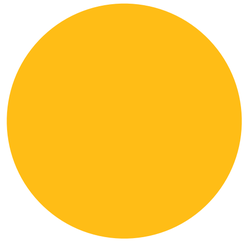
- **Respect the talking piece:** everyone listens, everyone has a turn
- **Speak from the heart:** your truth, your experiences, your perspective
- **Listen from the heart:** let go of the stories that make it hard to hear each other
- **Trust that you will know what to say:** no need to rehearse
- **Say just enough:** without feeling rushed, be concise and considerate of the time of others



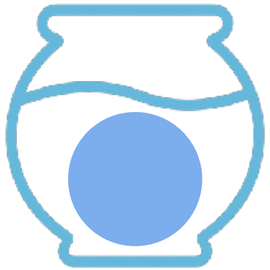
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Varieties of Circle Formats

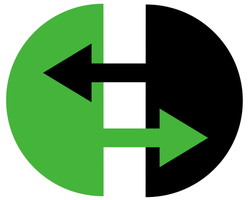
Different Methods of Facilitation



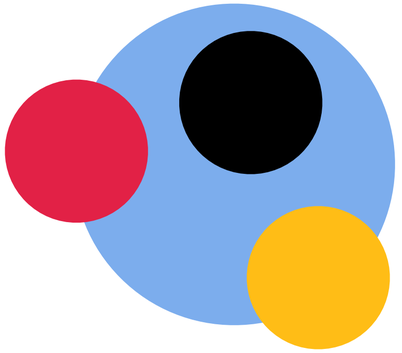
Basic Circle



Fishbowl (Witness) Circle



Feedback Circle



Small Group Circles



Popcorn Circle



Spiral Circle



Wheelhouse Circle

(Clifford, 2013)