

Core Program for Grade-Level Teachers

Overview

This year-long program prepares grade-level teachers to implement Open Circle in their classrooms. The Core Program includes two components: four days of experiential, cumulative training by Open Circle staff and in-classroom coaching visits. Through this model, participants discover and practice facilitation teaching methods, learn to teach social and emotional skills using the *Open Circle Curriculum*, and explore ways to integrate Open Circle approaches throughout the school day. In a 2009 survey of participants, 95% said the Core Program enhanced their overall teaching practice. Research has shown that consistent use of the *Open Circle Curriculum* in classrooms increases students' social skills, decreases violence and other problem behaviors, and supports an easier transition to middle school.

Participation in this program includes:

- Four 7-hour training days
- Classroom visits from a coach to enhance implementation
- 1 copy of the *Open Circle Curriculum*
- 1 Professional Development Point for each hour of training completed
- Optional 3 graduate credits from Framingham State University (additional fee and assignments required)

Who Should Attend

This program is designed for grade K-5 classroom teachers who will be facilitating the *Open Circle Curriculum* for the first time. Participants are expected to hold Open Circle Meetings for approximately 15 minutes, twice per week throughout the school year. This program requires a year-long commitment so that participants can practice and reinforce their learning over the course of an entire school year. Schools must train at least three teachers per year, unless all other grade-level teachers have been trained.

Fee:

- **\$950 per person with training and coaching by Open Circle staff OR**
- **\$725 per person with training by Open Circle staff and coaching by a certified School-Based Coach**

Use form on reverse to register. Contact info@open-circle.org or 781-283-3277 with questions about this program or the status of your registration.

On-Site Group Discount:

We can provide this program at your school at a discount. See page 5 of the Catalog of Programs for savings details, and call 781-283-3277 for scheduling.

Participants say:

“As a new teacher, Open Circle revolutionized my teaching. It was easy to follow and allowed me to be proactive instead of reactive. Now, as an administrator, Open Circle continues to revolutionize teaching. It allows my teachers to focus on student learning while also teaching valuable social skills. It has helped us create a more positive school community.”

“I was skeptical about implementing another program in an overburdened curriculum. Through the Core Program, I’ve gained tremendous respect for a program that can move a class in a most positive direction.”

“The Core Program showed me the importance of building a cohesive community within my classroom and provided valuable tools to accomplish this.”

“Since we implemented Open Circle many years ago, I have seen a huge difference in children’s ability to resolve their own conflicts and monitor their own behavior.”

“Open Circle gives kids skills to work through their own issues. We’ve used other SEL programs that don’t work as well because kids are not taught the skills.”



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2011-2012 Registration Form

1. Provide contact information*

Full Name (as you'd like it to appear on nametag) _____

Work Email Address _____

Role/Title _____
K 1 2 3 4 5
Grade (circle one)

Home Email Address _____

School Name _____

Home Street Address _____

School Street Address _____

Home Town, State, Zip _____

School Town, State, Zip _____
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Home or Cell Phone Number _____

School Phone Number _____

X
Signature (required)

**Open Circle is committed to protecting your privacy. We collect contact information to register you for this training and to send you information related to Open Circle. We do not disclose this information to outside parties.*

2. Check all sessions for which you are available

All trainings are from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Franklin, Massachusetts

The Campus Center at Dean College

#DC1: August 9-10, 2011; January 11 & March 14, 2012

Wellesley, Massachusetts

Wellesley College Club at Wellesley College

#WCC2: June 27-28, 2011; January 10 & March 1, 2012

#WCC3: July 27-28, 2011; January 10 & March 6, 2012

#WCC4: August 11-12, 2011; January 20 & March 16, 2012

#WCC5: August 18-19, 2011; January 12 & March 2, 2012

#WCC10: August 22-23, 2011; January 23 & March 13, 2012

#WCC8: September 22-23, 2011; February 2 & March 9, 2012

#WCC9: September 26-27, 2011; January 30 & April 5, 2012

#WCC16: October 6-7, 2011; January 23 & March 13, 2012

We recommend selecting sessions that begin during the summer so you can use Open Circle at the start of the school year. If you cannot attend then, we recommend selecting the earliest sessions possible.

3. Indicate method of \$950 or \$725** payment and coaching

Check (payable to Open Circle) # _____

Purchase Order # _____

This registration is part of a program package

Coaching by Open Circle Staff (Fee = \$950)

Coaching by Certified School-Based Coach (Fee = \$725**)

Name of Coach _____

****To qualify for this rate, School-Based Coach must be certified and a signed Coach Agreement (form available at www.open-circle.org) must accompany this registration.**

Registration Deadline

The deadline to register is two weeks prior to each session. Training sessions fill quickly, so we encourage you to register early.

Session Assignment and Confirmation

We will assign you to a session and send you a confirmation email with training details at least 2 weeks prior to your training date.

Cancellations and Session Changes

Registrants who cancel or request a session change less than 10 business days before any training will be charged a \$75 fee. Failure to notify us of cancellation will result in forfeiture of entire registration fee.

Classroom Coverage

Your school must arrange classroom coverage on training days and during in-school coaching visits.

Questions?

call 781-283-3277
email info@open-circle.org
web www.open-circle.org

Send all forms and payment by fax at 781-283-3717 or mail:

Open Circle Registration
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