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Funding Assistance 2010-2011

Open Circle strives to keep fees low and ensure that our programs are accessible to all schools. While many schools fund Open Circle training from their operating budgets, some secure funds from other sources. Here are several funding sources to explore:

Government Funding

- School Improvement Grants (Title I)
- Improving Teacher Quality State Formula Grants (Title II)
- Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants (Title IV)
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students Discretionary Grants
- Partnership for Character Education Program

School or District Funds

- Discretionary professional development funds
- Prevention, school safety, school climate, character education, health education or mental health education funds

Local Resources

- Parent-teacher organizations/associations
- Education foundations
- Service organizations (e.g. Jaycees, Lion's Club, Newcomer's Club)
- Local businesses

Foundation Grants

- Sprint Character Education Grant Program: Sprint awards grants to school districts and individual schools to fund the purchase of resource materials, supplies, equipment and software that facilitates and encourages character education among K-12 students.

In addition to these sources, schools serving low-income communities may qualify for scholarships, which are made possible by grants and gifts awarded to Open Circle.

Benefits of Open Circle

- Provides a common vocabulary, strategies and approach, and develops shared expectations for all members of the school community
- Supplies a teacher "toolbox" of preventative classroom management skills and ready-to-use resources
- Teaches children processes for quickly settling down to learn and resolve their own problems
- Fosters a caring, respectful climate in the classroom among classmates and throughout the school
- Helps create a cooperative learning environment and a happier and safer school community
- **Saves time and money in the long run by addressing discipline and safety problems**

We offer individual Open Circle funding counseling to all schools. Our assistance is most useful when we are involved early in your fund-seeking process, especially for grant proposals. For details, contact 781-283-3277 or info@open-circle.org.