



RP Online Educational Sessions, 2020

The School Climate Center, in collaboration with River Bottom Resources, the Minneapolis Legal Rights Center and Peacemaker Resources, offered Restorative Practices Online, six hour sessions, June 15-17 and June 22-24, 2020. The online sessions were centered on Building the Restorative Impulse for people new to restorative practices and Restorative Coaching for experienced practitioners.

Peacemaker Resources provided technical assistance to the trainers regarding Zoom access and use. We marketed the trainings to our contacts locally, and supported MDE by identifying circle trainers from the area. We worked with MDE and the other community partners in re-designing the trainings into online educational sessions.

Summary

- 37 sessions
- 42 trainers
- Week one: 150 participants
- Week two: 263 participants

Comments from participants:

- The big take away for me is how to successfully implement restorative circles. The sharing of experiences from the facilitator, participants and guests (students & principal) helped me understand the challenges that will come up and some ways to manage them. Above all be persistent and patient - results will come and it will be worth the struggle.
- Able to do circle on Zoom and to break up in groups—(it) was great to know that you can have a circle and connect no matter where you are. Thanks for the training (and the) guest trainers (students).
- It was great to hear that many districts are trying to move forward with improving how we work with students.

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