

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL STAFF

### **Restorative Principles and Practices: Skills for Creating a Restorative School Culture (Circles)**

#### **The Need:**

More and more schools are turning to Restorative Practices as a viable alternative to the zero-tolerance policies often associated with high suspension rates and challenged school climates. Many educators are asking important questions about Restorative Practices:

- What are restorative practices and how does it work?
- How do we apply the concept in the classroom and the school?
- How do we gain the critically needed “buy-in” of staff, students and families?
- How do we ensure successful school-wide implementation?

#### **The Workshop:**

This 2-day experiential training will answer those questions and more. Through the use of engaging activities, participants will understand how to integrate theory into practice. Participants will:

- Learn about the principles and key elements of Restorative Practices
- Understand the relationship between Restorative Practices and Restorative Justice
- Gain skills and tools for leading restorative circles
- Develop strategies for overcoming the challenges to effective implementation
- Recognize the benefits of Restorative Practices and their positive impacts on school discipline, suspensions and overall climate

#### **Time and Cost:**

2-days (7 hours per day). For cost information, please see our [Programs & Services Guide](#)

<http://community-matters.org/downloads/CMProgramsandServices.pdf>

#### **About Community Matters:**

[Community Matters](#) is a nationally recognized non-profit organization whose mission is to collaborate with schools and communities in creating safer environments where all youth and adults thrive. We have provided programs and services to over 1500 schools in 35 states. Our flagship program [Safe School Ambassadors®](#) is listed on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidenced-Based Programs and Practices.

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