

Circle Leader Training Class Description 2017

The Circle Leader Training is a workshop that helps individuals build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and their communities. The class sessions will take place in a safe learning environment with facilitators who will also be eager to learn from you as well. This specific training is also used as a tool in preparation for becoming a Circle Leader. More information on what Circles is will be given in the class, however, please note that completing the Circle Leader Training does not mean you must join Circles. You will have the opportunity to choose to become a participant in Circles after graduation, but can complete the class without proceeding further with Circles.

The Circle Leader Training Class Has Three Primary Objectives:

1. The first objective is for you, the “investigator” or participant, to examine your own experience of poverty and **explore the issues in your community that impact poverty.**
2. The second objective is to learn how you can **build your positive resources and relationships** in order to assist your move toward a thriving, more stable life in whatever that means to you.
3. The third objective is to **learn about the Circles Orange County Initiative** and how becoming a Circle Leader will give you the relationships and resources to successfully achieve your goals.

The Circle Leader Training Class Commitment:

1. Complete the Circle Leader Training focused on reaching economic stability
2. Identify ways that you can apply the tools given in Circle Leader Training
3. Make progress on the goals you identify in your movement to economic stability

Circle Leader Training Class Participant Qualifications:

1. Receives some sort of income (employment, unemployment, social security, etc.)
2. Approximately between 100% & 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide Line
3. Demonstrates deep personal motivation
4. Has a referral from Circles or a Community Partner

Support Circle Leader Training Participant Receives:

1. Meals provided at every class
2. Childcare provided at every class
3. Incentives based on referral source
4. Staff available to answer questions & provide support

