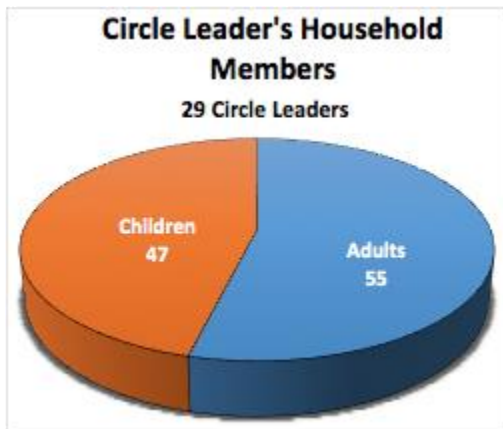


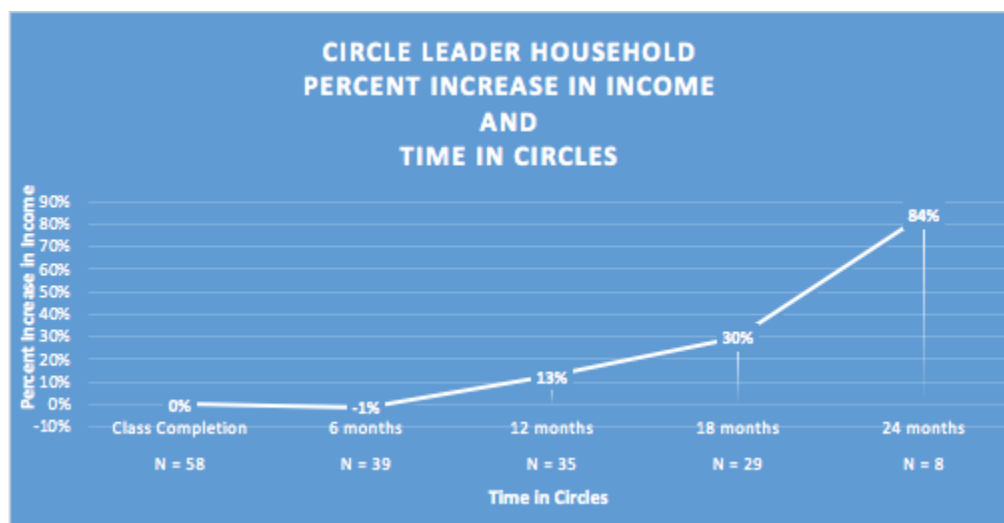
Does Circles Work?

St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando, FL serves as the Host Organization for Circles Winter Garden.

The inaugural Circles cohort officially began their Circles journey in 2014. Since then, 6 more cohorts of incredible individuals and families have begun their journey to economic stability through the Circles Initiative. In the past several years, Circle Leaders, with the support and friendship of dedicated Allies, volunteers and staff, have reached significant goals. Take a look at this snapshot of the Circles Winter Garden Community and our achievements.



29 Circle Leaders participated in the first five cohorts in Circles Winter Garden from 2014 to 2020. These Circle Leader families included 47 children and 55 adults. Some families are multigenerational and so are breaking the generational cycle of poverty by participating in Circles. In fact 59% of Circle Leader households come from Generational Poverty. There are more families in Circles now, but their accomplishments are not reflected in this summary.



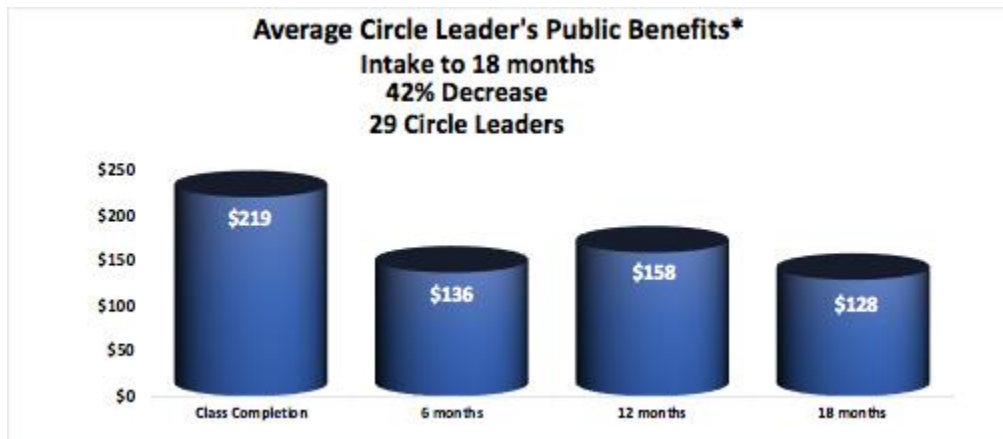
When Circle Leaders stay with Circles for the recommended minimum time of 18 months they increase their incomes by an average of 30%. If they stick with it to 24 months their income increases by an average of 84%. Circle Leaders also work with their Allies to create a plan to pay off their debt and increase their assets.



The average Circle Leader decreases their debt by about 34% and increases their cash assets by an incredible 84%.



As Circle Leaders Increase their income, decrease their debt and increase their assets they also decrease the amount of Public Benefits they receive by an average of about 42%.



The benefits of Circles extend far beyond material and financial. It's the positive, supportive community that makes the difference!

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