

IS CIRCLES RIGHT FOR YOU?

Circle Ally

A person who volunteers to assist a Circle Leader in achieving his or her goals to leave poverty behind. Allies and Circle Leaders have an intentional friendship within the matched Circle.

The Circle Ally commitment:

- 6-10 hours per month spent with Circles and your Circle Leader
- A minimum 18-month commitment to the Circle
- Attend the Matched Circles Meeting(s) and another meeting that works with your schedule
- A phone call, e-mail, or text to your Circle Leader weekly

Support the Circle Ally receives:

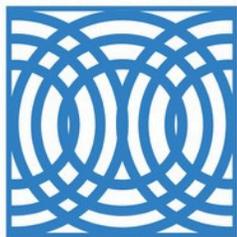
- Introduction/Orientation to Circles and Ally Training Sessions online and in person
- Ally peer-to-peer support sessions
- Collaboration with others in your Circle – you are not alone
- Circles Staff, to answer questions and provide guidance

Be sensitive of differences across class and cultural lines:

- Find ways to introduce yourself that emphasizes who you are, not what you do
- Be yourself and come as you are to the weekly meeting, just as the Circle Leaders do
- Don't expect Circle Leaders to approach the Weekly Meetings the way you might at work
- Look for low-cost or no-cost options for outings with your Circle, with consideration to transportation and location
- When you have strong feelings about the Circle Leader family, be willing to look at how your own feelings or rules are being activated, and talk to someone about it – another Ally, the Circle Leader, or the Circles staff

Non-Negotiables for being an Ally:

- Confidentiality— what is shared in your Circle stays in your Circle. If your Circle Leader gives permission, you are free to share it with others. This would typically be for gathering more information, identifying resources, or sharing inspirational victories.
- No proselytizing—all participants are to be respected, as are their beliefs about faith. Conversations of faith should be non-judgmental and pressure-free. Under no circumstances should assistance be withheld for reasons of faith.



How to Become a Circle Ally

Becoming a Circle Ally is a multi-step process that involves being open to increasing your own understanding of poverty and to personally reflecting on how you can become a friend who empowers and supports a family with a low income on their self-directed journey out of poverty.



Contact Us

Let us know you are interested and would like to know more!

Email or Call

circlescf@povertysolutionsgroup.org
407-347-3936



Join Us at an Info Session

Information sessions are available via group sessions or speak with a Circles Member 1:1



Application & Review

Once you learn what it means to become a Circle Ally, you will need to fill out an application:
www.povertysolutionsgroup.org/circles-ally-application/



Interview with Circles

After reviewing your application, a Circles member contacts you to schedule an interview (in person or by phone)

Notification Email

After your interview, you will be notified if you have been accepted as a potential Circles Ally



Complete Intake forms and background check

Once accepted, you will complete intake and registration forms, including a commitment agreement



Complete Circle Ally Training

To be the best Ally you can be, Circles will provide training and support as you help others overcome poverty.



Get Matched!

After training is complete, the matching process begins. You'll participate in mixers and matching activities. Once matched, you'll attend weekly meetings with *your* Matched Circle



OUR VISION IS THAT EVERYONE HAS ENOUGH MONEY, MEANING, AND FRIENDS TO THRIVE

Scan to apply to become a Circle Ally:



Scan to register for an information session:



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