



CIRCLE KEEPER TRAINING

PRACTICAL, ON-NATION TRAINING TO BUILD YOUR NATION'S OWN CIRCLE CAPACITY

Sacred Circle Justice Services provides practical Circle Keeper training for First Nations that want to develop their own people to confidently and responsibly prepare, facilitate and follow up on Circle processes within their communities.

The Nation's law comes first. The Circle is a process through which that law, responsibility and relationship can be expressed.

TRAINING THAT BEGINS WITH YOUR NATION

There is no single Circle practice that belongs to every First Nation. SCJS training is adapted to the Nation and developed with respect for its laws, protocols, language, teachings, Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Ceremony, teachings, songs and protocols come from the Nation itself.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS LEARN

Circle Keeper roles and responsibilities • participant preparation • suitability and safety screening • working with Elders and Knowledge Keepers • Nation-specific protocols • opening and closing Circles • use of the talking piece • developing Circle questions • truth-telling and listening • managing difficult moments • confidentiality • agreements and follow-up • ethics, boundaries and Circle Keeper wellness.

Participants also learn when a Circle should **not** proceed. Safety, voluntary participation and the ability of each person to speak without coercion are fundamental to responsible Circle practice.

LEARN BY SITTING IN CIRCLE

This is hands-on, practice-based training. Participants work through realistic community scenarios, practice holding Circles, take turns in the Circle Keeper role and receive feedback on their practice. The certification stream includes observed Circle practice and continued mentored experience.

TRAINING OPTIONS

2-Day Foundation Training - For community members, staff and service providers new to Circle work.

4-Day Circle Keeper Certification + Practicum - For participants who will hold Circles for their Nation or organization.

2-3 Day Nation-Specific Circle Training - Co-designed and delivered within the Nation to develop its own Circle practice.

BUILD CAPACITY WITHIN YOUR NATION

The purpose of SCJS Circle Keeper Training is to help Nations develop **their own Circle Keepers, their own internal capacity and their own sustainable Circle practice** - grounded in the laws, relationships, teachings and priorities of the Nation.

BUILD YOUR PEOPLE. BUILD YOUR CIRCLE KEEPERS. BUILD YOUR NATION'S CAPACITY.

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