

**I am interested in  
becoming a Circles  
Volunteer!**

**[] Please send me an  
application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
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Please mail this form to:  
Rachelle Randolph  
Franklin County Juvenile Court  
373 South High Street, Fourth Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-4598

Thank you for your interest in the  
Restorative Justice Circles!

For more information regarding the  
Restorative Justice Circles, please contact  
614.525.3130 or email  
RJ\_Circles@fccourts.org.

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## Restorative Justice Circles

A Volunteer Opportunity



*Franklin County Juvenile Court*

*Change a Life!  
Change Your Neighborhood!  
Make a Difference!*

*Volunteers in  
Restorative Justice Circles  
change lives and communities as  
part of serving at-risk youth in  
their communities.*





## Who can serve as a Restorative Justice Volunteer? **YOU!**

Anyone is eligible who would like to help young people, and who:

- Adults over the age of 21,
- Individuals who can remain objective and keep all matters confidential,
- People who understand the issues facing at-risk youth in Franklin County, and,
- Anyone who successfully passes a criminal background check, child abuse/neglect screening and personal interview.

*“The Restorative Justice Circle is a great way to engage in your neighborhood and make a measurable difference.”*

*The Honorable Elizabeth Gill,  
Franklin County Juvenile Court*



## Restorative Justice Circles

Each year, many Franklin County youth commit first-time, non-violent offenses. Although the offenses may be minor in nature, without early intervention, the delinquent behavior contributes to neighborhood safety concerns.

Restorative Justice Circles address the victim's needs and harms, holds the offender accountable, and reflects the community needs and concerns. Community volunteers can provide juveniles with the opportunity to repair the harm done and to make a positive contribution to their own community. As a Restorative Justice Circle volunteer, you can serve your community by helping to discourage further delinquent behavior and support at risk youth as they become productive adults.

The Restorative Justice Circle acts as an arm of the Court bringing together the juvenile offender and his/her parent(s), the victim (*when applicable*), and members of the community. The participants discuss the offense, ask questions and make collaborative decisions with the offender so he/she can take responsibility for his or her actions. For example, the juvenile may be required to attend a shoplifting class, participate in community service, or make restitution in a non-monetary way. The program will also link juveniles to needed resources, such as mentoring programs and tutoring. These decisions are made in the form of an agreement to be signed by all parties involved.



## VOLUNTEER!



The Restorative Justice Circle and Juvenile Court staff then monitor the juvenile's progress. Successful completion of this diversion process can result in the youth not having a formal court record.

### TIME COMMITMENT

Ten hours of initial training is required, with additional training sessions as needed. Once established, the Restorative Justice Circle will usually meet one evening per month.