

Circle Leaders Receive:

- Planning tools for financial stability
- Connections to references and community services
- 2-3 Allies
- Positive role models and support for children
- Access to Circles community for job and social networking
- Weekly meetings with meals and childcare provided at no cost
- Respect, confidentiality and support
- Cash bonuses for reaching benchmarks
- An opportunity to help others by helping change community



CLASSES START IN
FEBRUARY & AUGUST

Sign up now!

Please join us at our
weekly Circles meeting

Tuesday Evenings

Meal: 5:30 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm

First United Methodist Church
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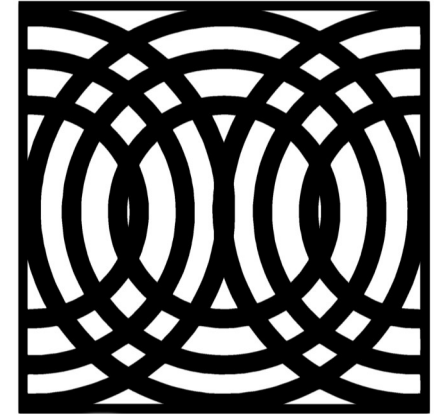
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Thriving Families, Thriving Communities





What is Circles®

The Circles® Initiative is part of an innovative national movement that connects volunteers and community leaders to families wanting to make the journey out of poverty. Volunteer Allies help families break the cycle of poverty by sharing their time and friendship.

There are barriers that can keep even the most motivated from achieving prosperity. Circles breaks down these barriers by expanding opportunity and support for families as they create their own paths to stability

Circles encourages growth from people of all financial classes and engages the community as a whole, so we can work together to create deep and lasting change in Harvey County.

Initial Training Programs

Circle Leaders are individuals or families who are motivated to break free from poverty. Income qualifications to become a Circle Leader are based on less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for family size.

Example: Family of 4 making \$48,500 or less would qualify.

Circle Leader Training is a class in which Circle Leaders learn new tools to build up financial, emotional and social resources. Leaders learn to recognize self-defeating patterns and create a new plan for success. They also research the causes of poverty in their community.

Circle Allies are community volunteers who form a supportive and encouraging friendship with a Circle Leader.

Ally Training provides Allies with tools to more effectively work with low income families and teaches about hidden rules of class.

Plan for Achievement

After Circle Leader attends 15 weeks of training and completes a progress report they receive a financial stipend.

The next step is for Circle Leaders and Allies to commit to 18 months together to work on their goals and address the barriers of poverty.

Circle Leaders choose which path they want to pursue:

- EDUCATION
- EMPLOYMENT
- SUPPORT and LEADERSHIP

Built into each of these programs is an opportunity to earn more cash bonuses for completing benchmarks along the way.

