

Ground Rules for Community Accountability Circle

1. I understand that my attendance at the Community Accountability Circle is completely voluntarily as I was given a choice to attend.
2. I understand that this meeting is not a legal proceeding, but an attempt to resolve the issue through a facilitated, structured conversation.
3. I understand that I will be asked to sign a written agreement at the end of the Community Accountability Circle outlining behaviors that will be taken to bring this issue to a successful close.
4. I shall take turns speaking and not interrupt other people.
5. I shall call others by their first names (or last names if requested), not “he” or “she” or “them”.
6. I shall not blame, attack, or engage in put-downs.
7. If needed, I will ask questions of others for the purposes of gaining clarity and understanding.
8. I will listen respectfully and sincerely and do my best to understand others people’s needs and interests.
9. I recognize that even if I do not agree with it, each of us is entitled to our own perspective.

I understand the above ground rules and will follow them throughout the Community Accountability Circle to be held on Monday, September 28, 2009

Signed _____ Date _____