

Women's Justice Circles

The voices of women who are low-income and/or immigrant, living in crisis and those on the margins, are not typically included in organizing for change in a way that meets their needs. **The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center** facilitates **Women's Justice Circles**.

Women's Justice Circle are grassroots community organizing empowerment processes that enable women to identify and address the underlying causes of poverty. Women develop grassroots leadership and organizing skills to take action and create systemic change. Currently 70% of the Justice Circles take place among urban Latina immigrants and rural Latina migrant workers. Circles are run in Spanish and English and can be organized at no cost to your agency.

What distinguishes Women's Justice Circles is that women who are low-income lead and collaborate with others to identify the specific conditions and systems that need to be changed. Women who are farmworkers, immigrants, homeless, survivors of domestic violence and/or working in low wage jobs are joining other women across the economic spectrum to name issues and work collectively to take practical steps for self-sufficiency and community change. Justice Circle participants analyze their situation, gather information, design campaigns, recruit others, and take concrete steps that lead to systemic change in areas including housing, healthcare, education, transportation, domestic violence, and immigrant community issues.

Highlights of Washington Circles:

- Restored state funding for affordable & farm worker housing
- Converged resources for bullying prevention and intervention in school districts
- Enhanced community safety in multiple cities
- Created district & state-wide school system changes affecting immigrants & communities of color
- Domestic Violence—Collaboration with Pasco City Council for public education on violence prevention; changes in Mattawa law enforcement practice



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