

Beacon Hill International

Restorative Questions

When responding to conflict, a restorative approach consists in asking the following key questions:

1. **What happened, and what were you thinking at the time of the incident?**
2. **What have you thought about since?**
3. **Who has been affected by what happened and how?**
4. **What about this has been hardest for you?**
5. **What do you think needs to be done to make things as right as possible?**

TIPS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING CIRCLES

Core Circle Guidelines

- Respect the talking piece
- Speak & listen with respect
- Speak & listen from the heart
- Remain in the circle
- Honor privacy

Sample Prompting Questions

- Share a happy memory
- If you could be a superhero, what super powers would you choose and why?
- How would your best friend describe you?
- If you were an animal, what animal would you be and why?
- If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be?

Check-in Circle

- How are you feeling today?
- What was a highlight or a low point of your evening / weekend?
- What is something you are looking forward to today or this week?

Check-out Circle

- What was your favorite thing about today?
- What are you looking forward to the rest of the day, this evening, or this weekend?
- Appreciate someone in the circle
- How have you been successful today?