



“New Connections of South King County” Brings Healing Circles to Auburn

Auburn Community Court recently partnered with New Connections of South King County, where they **aim to empower justice-involved Youth and Adults to restore Families and Heal Communities**. One of the ways New Connections brings healing to communities is by hosting Healing Circles, which are now being implemented at Auburn Community Court to incorporate more elements of restorative justice.

What is a Healing Circle?

The Circle Process allows for the formation of relationships, the honoring of voices, and the creation of unity. The process is, at its essence, a story-sharing process, which brings together people as equals to have open exchanges about complex issues or painful experiences in an atmosphere of respect and concern for everyone. It is called a "Circle" because everyone sits in a circle. A "talking piece" item ensures each participant gets uninterrupted time to share with the group; the person holding the object is the only one who may speak. The talking piece is passed from person to person, and everyone respects others and is sensitive to their experiences as they share their stories. The others listen openly, without question or judgment.



Auburn participant, Nicolas, holding his certificate next to his family and court staff.



Nicolas stands between New Connections Staff Dario Grado Chavez and Sandra Blanco.



Executive Director David Luciano

On March 16th, Nicolas graduated from Auburn Community Court, with his children and family in attendance.

Nicolas and his family were the first family to participate in a healing circle at Community Court. Nicolas shared that “it was an honor to participate. It was extremely helpful and it helped us understand each other and gave us the tools to relate.”

Thank you New Connections of South King County!

Contact the Executive Director, David Luciano, for more information

Community Court Provides Trauma Informed Training

Over the last several months, all three community court locations have hosted Trauma Informed Training for our court staff and social service providers.

Thank you all for attending! A special thanks to our facilitators, **Megan Terlep-Boxley, Kate Tramontana, and Callista Welbaum**, for helping us gain more knowledge to serve our diverse communities better.



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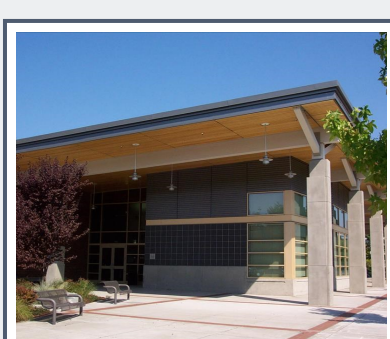


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