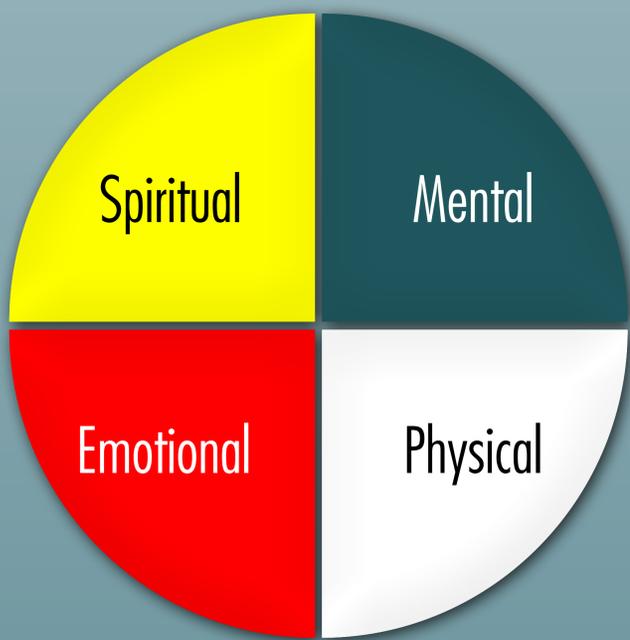


# PEACE MAKING CIRCLE PRACTICE IN COLLEGE CLASSROOMS

*Communication + Conflict = Community*

## Whole Health Medicine Wheel



### Intelligences:

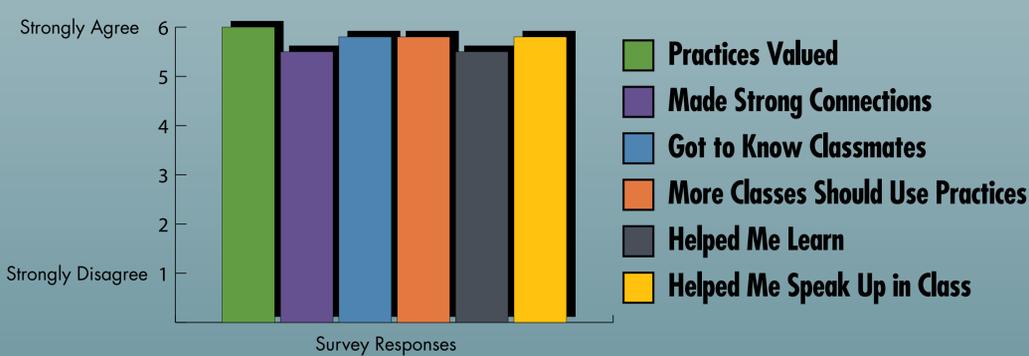
**Forgiveness as Spiritual Practice**  
**Knowledge/Critical Thinking**  
**Social & Emotional Development**  
**Manage Stress**

### In Communication Classes:

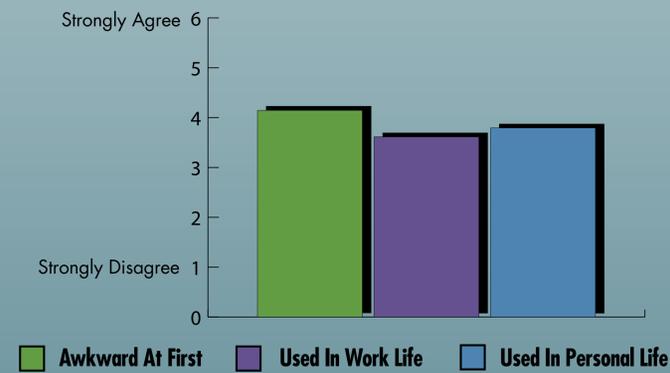
Freshman Seminars | Conflict (upper level UG) | Introduction to Mediation (UG/G)

*Peacemaking Circle practices show positive impacts in several dimensions.*

### Prior Student Responses



### Average Responses



### Q: In what other settings have you used Peacemaking Circle Practices?

Selected Responses (27/53 total)

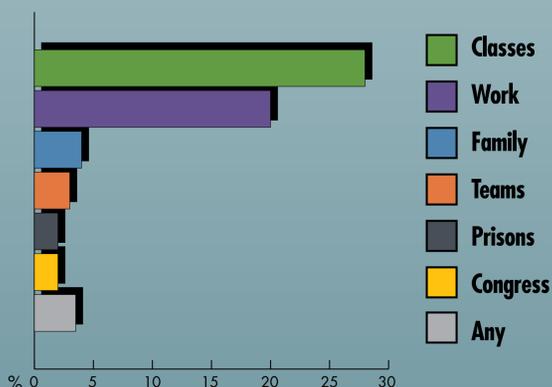
"We often use them in my family when everyone gets together for an event or if there is an argument that may take place if everyone does not get a chance to speak without interruption."

"As a teaching assistant in a graduate school I have used peacemaking circles the last 2 years. I also have used it as a manager with my employees."

"My father is a confirmation leader at our local church and his group was very quiet. I recommended him using a talking piece and [it] worked very well with them."

"I participated in a Peacemaking Circle in my hometown while they were considering city ordinances banning gender neutral bathrooms and public housing. It was a topic that could easily have gotten out of control, but since everyone was facing each other no one was the "leader" or the "head" it was a really great dialogue and everyone felt like they were heard."

### Q: In what other setting would you like to see Peacemaking Circle practices used?



"I would like to see it used more in other classes. It brings the class together as a community and makes it easier to get to know one another."

"It would be a great way to start out weekly department meetings. Peacemaking Circles build trust; trust is essential in the workplace, especially when you work on a team. They would also be helpful in interdepartmental meetings, especially departments which are experience conflict."

"I believe that Peacemaking Circles would be useful in a workplace environment that involves a lot of interpersonal collaboration, to possibly discourage clique-forming and to deter bullying. Also, I think it would be extremely valuable in K-12 classroom settings to make children and teenagers feel "present" ...and it may be the only time of their day where they can feel they are being listened to and acknowledged."

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