

Circle of Adults

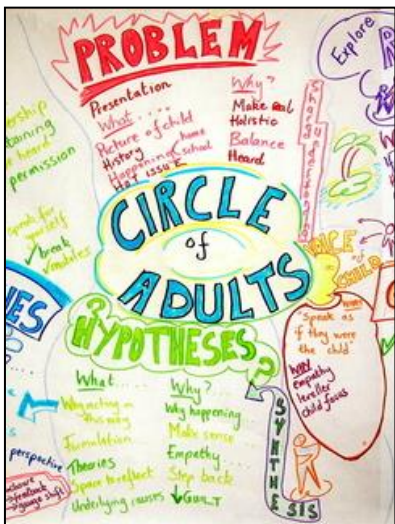
- A **FREE** after school staff problem-solving session.
- Facilitated by Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service (EPS).
- Designed to enable staff to reach a deeper understanding of a child/young person and co-develop a set of strategies to support their needs.
- Suitable for a child/young person in KS1, KS2, KS3 or KS4 with social, emotional and/or mental health needs.

Dates: There are various dates offered each term on a first come first served basis. Please contact **Janet Mander** on **01926 742921** for more information.

Time: 3.30 pm - 5:00 pm (TBA)

Venue: Your school

Cost: Free (however, a cancellation within 48 hours before the date of intervention will result in a £250 fee, exceptional circumstances may be considered)



The Circle of Adults Session:

Warwickshire EPS is offering **school staff** a unique and exciting opportunity to **participate in a facilitated 10-step problem-solving session** designed to support a deeper understanding of a child's needs and develop specific strategies in order to support them.

The EPS is looking to **support teachers who teach a child who** has been identified as having some **social, mental and emotional health needs**.

Each circle is made up of **the class teacher/key adult and up to 7 other members of staff** who support the identified child/young person. It is facilitated by two Educational Psychologists.

The session takes place after school for **1 ½ hours** (usually 3.30-5.00pm). **All staff members need to commit to staying in the circle for the entire session.**

There is **no charge** for this group session however each school will need to:

- Identify a child who is presenting with **social, emotional and/or mental health needs** to discuss.
- Gain written permission from the child's parents/carers.
- Identify members of staff to take part and ensure they are clear about the expectations of the group.
- Provide a suitable confidential space to hold the group.
- Identify a key member of staff who knows the child best (usually the class teacher) to speak to the Educational Psychologist for a short time before the group session begins.
- Ensure that at least one member of staff attending has a good knowledge of the current and historical care arrangements of the child/young person
- Allow the Educational Psychologist to speak with the key member of staff approximately 6 weeks after the group session.

Comments from school staff involved in a Circle of Adults intervention:



“The most helpful thing about the intervention was having others to discuss the ideas with for possible strategies on improving and understanding the child’s behaviour.”

“After the circle my relationship with the child improved. I felt I had a plan in place to improve the child’s behaviour and that with time it should lead to a pleasant end to the year.”

“I also think it was helpful because as well as discussing the child a very good visual picture was produced that just seemed to add to the awareness of the huge complexities this child faces and has faced.”

Enquiries & Bookings

This course is organised by Warwickshire County Council’s Educational Psychology Service. For further information and dates please contact:

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APPLICATION FORM

I would like to apply to hold a Circle of Adults intervention.

I understand that I will be required to:

1. Identify a child who is presenting with some social, emotional and/or mental health needs.
2. Gain written permission from parents/carers for their child to be discussed and supported through the circle of adults intervention
3. Liaise with the Educational Psychologist by telephone to prior to group session to discuss practical arrangements.
4. Identify members of staff to be part of the group.
5. Provide a suitable confidential space to hold the group.
6. Ensure staff members are clear about the times and location of the group.
7. Ensure staff members are aware that their participation is essential to the problem-solving process and that they need to commit to the entire session.
8. Identify a key member of staff who know the child best (usually the class teacher) to speak to the Educational Psychologist for 15 minutes prior to the group session.
9. Allow the Educational Psychologist to speak with the key adult approx. 6 weeks after the group session.
10. Ensure there is no cancellation within 48 hours before the scheduled Circle of Adults date otherwise a fee of £250 will be charged(exceptional circumstances may be considered)

Name and role.....

School:

Telephone number: **Email address:**.....

My signature.....

Key details for Circle of Adults:

Name of child:

Key member of staff.....

Confirmed date:.....

Return the completed form to:

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