## **The General Circle Format**

Creating the foundation for dialogue

> Expressing needs and interests

Exploring options

Building consensus or a sense of unity

Closing

- Welcome
- Opening ceremony
- Introduction / check-in (round)
- Guidelines consensus (keepers or round)
- Storytelling round
- Acknowledgement of those present
- Clarifying the purpose of the Circle
- Communicating feelings
- Identifying needs, interests, or shared vision
- Summary

## **Circle addresses:**

- Interests / issues (rounds)
- Options (rounds)
- Possible consensus for action plans (keepers)

## **Circle identifies:**

- Points of agreement or common ground (rounds)
- Next steps (keepers)
- Summary: agreement / next steps (keepers)
- Check-out (round)
- Closing ceremony

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