



Ways to Get Involved:

There is a place for **EVERYONE** in the Circles Community.

- Donate Funds
- Volunteer as an Ally
- Donate Meals
- Volunteer in the Child Program
- Attend a Weekly Meal
- Champion the Campaign in the Community & Recruit others to get involved.

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**Circles™ is a high
impact strategy**

**that empowers people
to permanently transition
out of poverty, while
simultaneously**

**changing a community's
mind-set, policies
and approach
to this significant
social problem.**

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The Circles™ initiative helps stabilize a family's situation so that the members can focus on building reason, relationships and the resources to thrive.

Each Circle is comprised of a family working to get out of poverty called Circle Leaders and between two and four middle-class Circle Allies who are willing to befriend the family and support its members in their ongoing efforts.

Each family and its allies set goals that are unique to their own needs and circumstances and which will lead towards self-sufficiency.

The primary goals of the initiative are to:

- Provide the training, networking and social capital necessary to help families rise from – and stay out – of poverty.
- Recruit and train community volunteers and social services staff members to become allies who provide tangible support and assistance that enables families in their journey.

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Where do I fit in Circles?

Circle Leaders: Circle Leaders are individuals who are moving out of poverty. Prior to being matched with an ally, Circle Leaders set achievable goals through a 13-session comprehensive preparation and training phase known as Getting Ahead (aha Process, Inc). These individuals/ couples are encouraged to take a leadership role in their Circle and use their knowledge and skills as problem solvers to not only improve upon their own situation, but also work on poverty issues in the larger community.

Circle Allies: Circle Allies are community members who want to work in a supportive, befriending relationship with an individual or family to help them out of poverty. Circle Allies work with the Circle Leader to determine how to accomplish the family's self-sufficiency goals providing counsel, networking, emotional support, problem solving, mentoring, transportation, and other resources that will help the family reach their goals.

Guiding Coalition: A Guiding Coalition designs the local Circles™ community initiative and is comprised of community leaders and volunteers, as well as families who are striving to get out of poverty. The Guiding Coalition is primarily responsible for Circles™ implementation and assuring the initiative brings direct improvement in the lives of Circles™ participants. At the same time, the group works to change the mindset and policies of their community with respect to poverty.

Lead Agency: Each Circles™ initiative is managed by a Lead Agency. Think Tank, Inc., the Lead Agency, is responsible for staffing, operating and providing resources to each Circle™ in the region to ensure their smooth functioning and success.

