



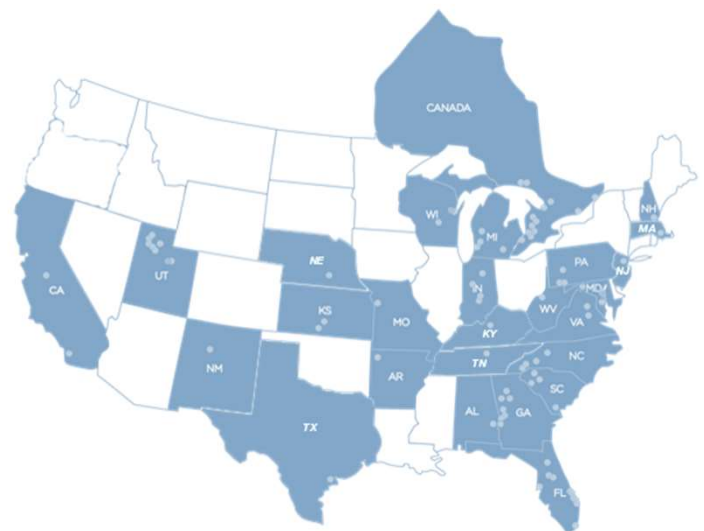
## What Do Circles Chapters Do?



## How Does a Circles Chapter Work?

- All participants and volunteers receive training.
- Circle Leaders set goals, and Allies support them as they meet their goals.
- Circle Leaders and Allies gather for weekly large group meetings.
- Monthly sessions engage community leaders in the work of poverty reduction.

## Where Is Circles Located?



## What Is Circles?

Circles is an effective poverty reduction initiative that revolves around building intentional relationships across income lines. **Almost 80 communities in the United States and Canada** use Circles because the results are so encouraging. After 18 months, participants achieve an average **71% Increase** in their income.

Circles participants are called **Circle Leaders** because they lead themselves out of poverty. Each Circle Leader is matched with two **Allies**, middle- and upper-income volunteers who help Circle Leaders use their unique gifts and skills to reach their personal and financial goals.

Social capital is often the missing link between short-term relief and long-term stability. Many who live in poverty are hardworking and motivated, so when two Allies join them, advice is offered, social networks are shared, and the obstacles that keep people in poverty start to disappear.

“Circles is one of the best models for long-term poverty reduction I have ever encountered. It is unique because it offers extensive training for both participants seeking economic stability and volunteers wanting to make a difference. Families who want to become economically stable are in the driver’s seat.”

LYNETTE FIELDS, ED  
POVERTY SOLUTIONS GROUP

“Circles changes lives, and Circles creates a new conversation that’s focused on ending poverty rather than just managing it. Our community was treating the symptoms of poverty for decades, but Circles is allowing us to actually work on ending poverty.”

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