



**Restorative Practices: Family Engagement and Empowerment**  
Tennessee Department of Education  
*Office of Healthy, Safe and Supportive Schools*  
*In partnership with STARS Nashville*

On January 8, 2014, the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Justice issued guidance to assist schools in meeting their obligations under Federal law to administer student discipline without discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in a dear colleague letter ([here](#)). Restorative practices have been proven effective in reducing misbehavior, bullying, violence, and crime among students while improving the overall climate for learning.

As a fourth training in the Restorative Practices Series, Family Engagement and Empowerment, will teach participants strategies to engage and empower families to develop solutions to their own problems. **Introduction to Restorative Practices and Using Circles effectively that covers the basics of restorative practices and how to implement restorative practices through classroom circles and Restorative Conferencing are prerequisites for Family Engagement and Empowerment.**

Books are provided for participants in attendance.

**Presenters**

STARS Nashville staff are certified trainers in Restorative Practices from the International Institute for Restorative Practices and currently serves as school climate and safety consultants for the department's Safe and Supportive Schools Demonstration grant. They also provide training specifically in empowering youth student leaders to become part of the solution to end bullying and harassment in their schools and communities through MOVE2STAND.

**Who Should Attend?**

Educators responsible for school discipline policies and practices are recommended to attend.

**Date and Location**

December 9, 2016  
8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. CST  
Murfreesboro City Schools  
Central Office  
2552 South Church St.  
Murfreesboro, TN 37127

**Space is limited. To register, mail the attached registration to [Kimberly.Daubenspeck@tn.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Daubenspeck@tn.gov) by December 2.**

**Registration Form  
Family Engagement and Empowerment**

School System: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Members to Attend**

Name	Email Address	Has completed Introduction to Restorative Practices and Using Circles and Restorative Conferencing
		_____ yes _____ no

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