

## **The Snohomish County Study Circles Project**

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**The Snohomish County Study Circles Project** provides the opportunity for participants to connect with other community members; discover a connection between personal experiences, community action, and public policy, and gain a deeper understanding of local concerns.

### **Study Circle Dynamics:**

**Project Vision:** People from all walks of life in Snohomish County are treated with respect and have real opportunities to hear each other, and to work together democratically to address concerns.

**Project Mission:** To promote Study Circle Model as an effective method of involving policy makers and ordinary citizens in open discussion of personal experiences and critical issues.

### **Project Goals (3-5 years):**

- Involve 1% of the citizens representing the diversity of Snohomish County in a Study Circle
- Develop an infrastructure for the promotion and sustainability of the project
- Develop a structure to provide technical assistance to others implementing Study Circles
- Develop curricula to address unique issues challenging Snohomish County

### **Outcomes:**

- Public will be more aware of the Study Circle Model as an effective method of involving policy makers and ordinary citizens in open discussion of critical issues
- Study Circle participants, including youth, will connect with other community members; gain a deeper understanding of their own and others' perspectives and concerns; and discover common ground regarding local issues

### **Measurements:**

- Increase the number of public and private partners, sponsors and supporters
- Increase the number of citizens participating in a Study Circle
- Pre/post surveys developed by the Study Circle Resource Center and anecdotal stories

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