

# JUSTICE-WITH-HEALING: AN ADAPTED INDIGENOUS MODEL OF JUSTICE AND HEALING OF RELATIONSHIPS

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This article introduces and provides a dramatization reflecting the principles and process highlights of an indigenous justice model that originates with the Maori of New Zealand. This model, known as Family Group Conferencing, was legislated in 1989 in New Zealand for all youthful offenders. This article includes an instructor's guide for classroom or workshop preparation, a debrief outline for guiding discussion, and an 18-role vignette which illustrates through a brief dramatic demonstration what a family group conferencing session might look and feel like.

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## INTRODUCTION

### *Purpose*

Our purpose for creating this Justice-With-Healing Circle model dramatization is to provide an effective process that addresses harms and incorporates relationship healing principles. Our hope is that this model will be developed for use within an actual community context. This example comes with some warnings. It is not to be enacted as a spontaneous role-play nor without preparation. It also must be preceded by community conversation and healing circle facilitator training. This article introduces a healing circle model for future study, development, and possible implementation.

### *Historical Context*

We were inspired to write this dramatization when we met Matt Hakiaha