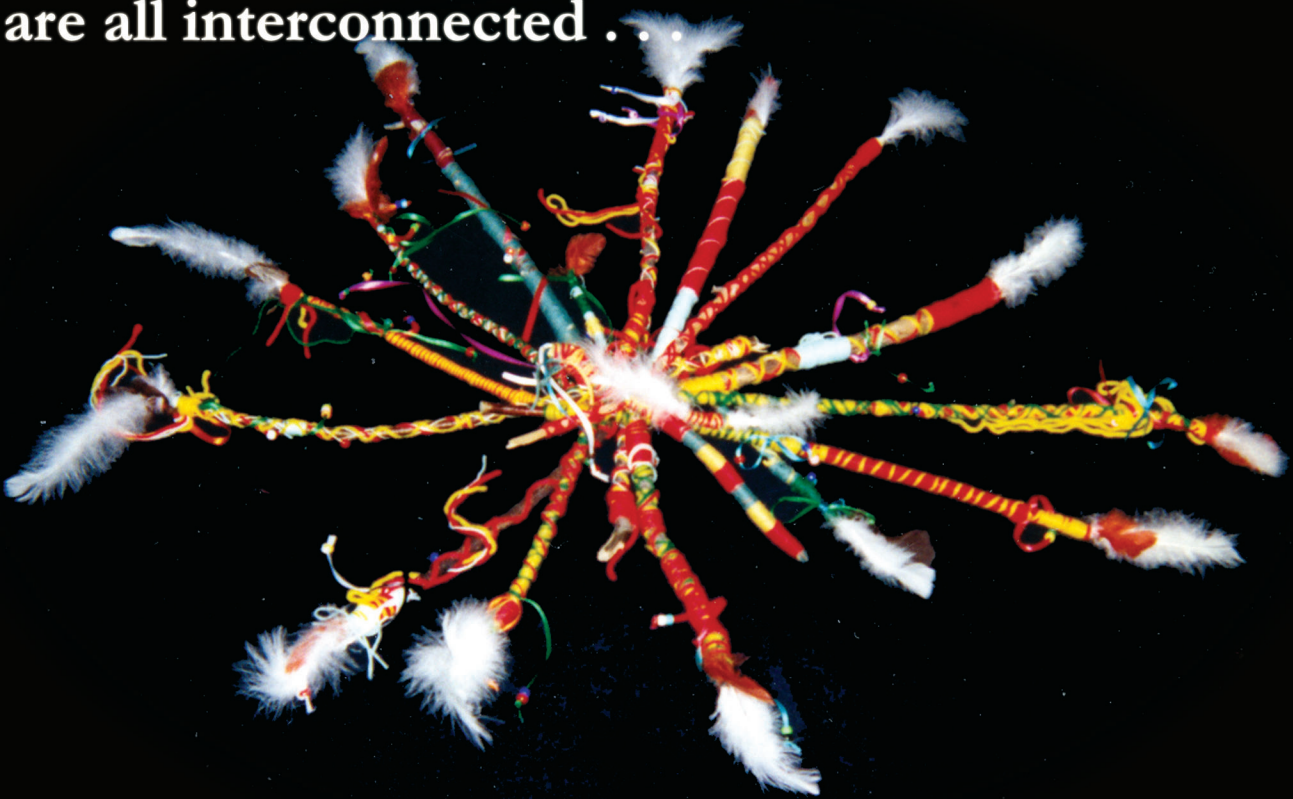




# We are all interconnected . . .



## Creating a Talking Stick/Talking Circle Program



**A Global Educational, Cultural and Self-Enhancement Program of Call for Peace/Cities of Hope**  
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An experiential presentation by Art and Dawn Shegonee of Call for Peace Drum & Dance Company coming from a Native American Tradition, this activity honors you as an individual, and at the same time, reveals that we are all interconnected. It is a process that improves and helps build respect, learning and listening skills for your *staff, team or classroom* to work together, helping oneself and others for the common good.

**For over 10 years, the Call for Peace Talking Stick/Talking Circle program has been providing participants with an open and accepting communication forum, receiving support and acclaim from both educators and parents in the Madison Metropolitan School District and throughout the greater Wisconsin area. They have served over 400 schools, colleges, libraries, businesses and conferences throughout the country.**

During the workshop, participants make and decorate their own Talking Stick from natural materials (shells, feathers, ribbons, beads, etc.) provided by the facilitator and either a stick they have brought with them, or one the participants find in nature, that is representative of their individuality and life story. Participants learn about the tradition surrounding the Talking Circle and use the circle to discuss problems they all share, the environment, conflict resolution and things that are meaningful and important in their daily lives and for their future. Only the individual holding the Talking Stick is allowed to speak during the Talking Circle, and it is passed continuously until everyone who wishes to speak has done so.

Participants learn how to use the Talking Stick and the Talking Circle to resolve interpersonal, inter-group, intra-group, and other conflicts in a nonviolent manner. The activity works to empower participants using kinesthetic, visual/spatial, linguistic and naturalistic styles of learning, as well as through positive communication based on respect: everyone has a voice, all voices are unique and all voices are important. The Talking Stick ensures that no one voice will prevail over others.



Sharing the meaning of their Talking Stick with the group.



The Talking Sticks are connected into a "star" shape: while each individual Talking Stick design creates a beautiful design.

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