



County of Riverside Community Action Partnership *Helping People. Changing Lives.*

Peer Mediation Program Overview

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) at the County of Riverside Community Action Partnership offers a Peer Mediation program to elementary, middle and high school students. Peer Mediation is a powerful and effective conflict resolution youth program that supports students helping other students resolve their differences and conflicts in non-violent ways. Students participating in the program develop leadership roles to increase peace and reduce school violence.

In order for the program to be effectively implemented, a strong collaboration must be formed. Both Community Action and the school will need to agree on the following terms:

DRC Responsibilities:

- Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to designated school districts.
- Conduct meetings with school representatives to review and explore ways of implementing the program.
- Coordinate and provide 10 hours of Peer Mediation training
- Provide technical assistance throughout the year to enhance the program.
- Provide training material (curriculum, activities, etc.).
- Provide incentives for students after completion of training (t-shirts, buttons, and certificates).
- Provide conflict resolution workshops for school personnel and parents.
- Provide an annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for staff and students to attend.

School Responsibilities:

- Assign a point of contact who will coordinate the peer mediation program with DRC Staff.
- Recruit a minimum of **20-25 students**. Students should reflect school's diversity and have a strong desire to build leadership skills and help others.
- Keep track of mediation sessions conducted by the Peer Mediators.
- Submit monthly records by the 5th of each month following the training.
- Submit end of the year Program Evaluation by June 30th.
- Communicate with Community Action for technical support as needed.
- Share impact stories/photos.



Peer mediation is a process by which two or more students involved in a dispute meet in a private, safe and confidential setting at school to work out problems with the assistance of a trained student mediator.

BENEFITS OF PEER MEDIATION

- For all elementary, middle and high schools across Riverside County
- Reduces school conflict
- Provides students with problem-solving, communication and leadership skills
- Teaches conflict resolution skills
- Improves student/teacher communication



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