

Peace
RESOLVING CONFLICT PEACEFULLY

Peer Mediation Training

Peace Education Program has been training young people to be mediators for thirty years. When given the tools to negotiate their own conflicts, students excel at problem solving with their peers.

To begin or sustain a mediation program a school or community site chooses a core group of students, from third grade through high school age, to train in the mediation process. After a ten hour training, these mediators are available to all young people at the school or community center who may be having difficulties getting along with their peers. Peer mediators meet with the disputants and help them to come to a nonviolent resolution.

Mediators are trained in the building blocks of conflict resolution. In addition to a scripted mediation process, students learn communication skills, feelings identification, cooperation and problem solving.



Mediators practicing with partners at Stonestreet Elementary.



Active listening is an important skill for Laukhuf Elementary mediators.



Olmstead Academy South peer mediators.