



# West Hawai'i Mediation Center

*Working It Out Together*

February 2016

## Mediator Spotlight

### Adam Wieland



"The greatest reward of being a mediator is seeing people who could barely speak to each other upon entering the room come to an agreement and wish each other well at the end of the session."

A 2015 graduate of our Basic Mediation Training, Adam hit the ground running. Adam moved to Hawai'i from North Dakota in late 2011. In addition to his work as a volunteer mediator at WHMC, Adam works full time and will be attending graduate school in the Fall.

**Thank you Adam!**

WHMC relies on volunteer mediators like you to help us meet the needs of our constituents.

# Training & Education at WHMC

*Want to become a certified mediator?  
Take the first step!*

## Basic Mediation Training



**WHEN:** March 18th, 19th & 20th, 9:00am - 5:00pm

**WHERE:** Kanu O Ka 'Aina Charter School - Waimea

Learn a variety of approaches for dealing with people in conflict through lecture, group discussion, hands-on exercises, and mock mediation practice. Whether you want to improve your peacemaking and communication skills or want to become a mediator, this training gives you the tools you need to start resolving conflict in a peaceful and lasting way.

**Sign up! Just click the links below to view complete flyer and application!**

[Basic Training Flyer](#)

[Training Application](#)

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WHMC in the Schools

## Peer Mediation Spotlight: Kohala Middle School



Kohala Middle School peer mediators visit the HIPAg farm and learning center in North Kohala as part of their community education and leadership training.

WHMC started our first peer mediation pilot in 2012 at Kohala Middle School (KMS). The planning and training processes that we use today were established and refined at KMS. During the months of February and March we will be training the next group of student mediators at KMS - bringing the total number of peer mediators for SY2015-16 to 32.

As part of the peer mediation program, KMS students in grades 6-8 build critical leadership skills by developing their own mini-trainings for all students and teachers through a series of classroom visits. These student leaders also present at school assemblies, lead anti-bullying efforts at the school, participate in the island-wide Hokupa'a Leadership Council, and take at least two community-based field trips each semester to bolster the values of service learning and leadership.

KMS is a leader in peer mediation on the Big Island. WHMC is deeply grateful for this meaningful partnership. We send a sincere mahalo to principal Alan Brown and counselor and peer mediation coordinator Lauren Canton for their dedication and support.

## WHMC Receives Grant from the NFL Foundation



As part of the 2016 Pro Bowl events, the NFL recognized local grant recipients at a kick-off party in Waikiki, with special guest and Hawai'i boy, Marcus Mariota. WHMC staff member Gina Tumasone attended the ceremonies on behalf of the Center.

We thank the NFL for their support of our peer mediation program!

## Upcoming Events

**Kona Crime Prevention  
Committee Luncheon**

**Join us as WHMC discusses the role of  
conflict resolution in community policing  
Huggos in Kona, March 2, 2016**

**\*Open to the public, but seating is limited. Lunch is \$20.**

**To R.S.V.P. contact Liz Holey at 443-7708 or [Lholey@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Lholey@hawaii.rr.com).**

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**Walk for West Hawai'i Mediation Center  
at  
The Visitor Industry Charity Walk  
May 14, 2016 at Waikoloa Beach Resort**

**Come walk with WHMC to help build a  
better, healthier Hawai'i Island, for all!  
Walkers are treated to food, drink, and  
fun!**



**Contact us at 885-5525 to sign up or learn  
more.**

conflict by providing mediation, facilitation and education services.

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