



# WEST HAWAI'I MEDIATION CENTER

*Providing high quality conflict resolution services throughout West Hawai'i*

## *Change Through Communication.*

*As we celebrate Black History Month in February, I've been thinking a lot about the crucial role that mediation and negotiation skills play in making change in our communities.*

*In his Letter from Birmingham Jail, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously wrote about the blueprint for change and noted that the purpose of marching in the streets is to encourage one's opponent to sit-down and negotiate--to find solutions and common ground. He wrote:*

*"You may well ask: 'Why direct action? Why sit-ins, marches and so forth? Isn't negotiation a better path?' You are quite right in calling for negotiation. Indeed, this is the very purpose of direct action... The purpose of our direct-action program is to create a situation so crisis-packed that it will inevitably open the door to negotiation."*

*While each of us may hold different visions of what "change" means, it is clear that having the skills to negotiate, to **MEDIATE**, and to find common-ground is essential to making it happen.*

*And so, we salute the work of our volunteer mediators for serving as catalysts for change in our communities and we invite you, our supporters and friends, to join us by taking part in the exciting training opportunities and conversations happening here at WHMC.*

*With Aloha,  
Zaheva & the WHMC Staff*

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## **TRAININGS & TALKS**

### **February**

**[Domestic Mediation Training](#)**

**Location:** NHERC, Honokaa

Date: February 25 & 26, 2017  
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Open to Mediators of WHMC & KMC

## March

### [Waimea Community Association Talk](#)

Location: Waimea Middle School Cafeteria  
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Time: 5:15pm – 7:00pm

### [Brown Bag w/ Judge Auna, Family Court](#)

Location: Family Courthouse, Kailua-Kona  
Date: March 16, 2017  
Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Open to Attorneys and WHMC Mediators

### [Facilitation: The Basics](#)

Location: Waikoloa, Queens Shops  
Date: Friday, March 31, 2017  
Time: 9:00am  
Open to All; Spaces are limited.


Contact us to register or to find out more @ 808-885-5525 or  
by email at [info@whmediation.org](mailto:info@whmediation.org)

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