



West Hawai'i Mediation Center

Peer Mediation

Training in Conflict Resolution for Students

Providing high quality conflict resolution services throughout West Hawai'i



West Hawaii Mediation Center works with elementary, middle, and high schools throughout West and North Hawai'i to provide **conflict resolution** and **peer mediation training** to public, private, and charter K-12 schools.

Our Peer Mediation Program available at **no cost to your school** - we are funded by generous donors and organizational grants. We work with **each school** to find the best format, fit and time to meet the needs of your students, teachers and school schedule. We train students who have expressed interest or have been selected by counselors, teachers or leadership. Contact us to be on our training schedule for **Fall of 2023 or Winter 2024**.

What is Peer Mediation?

Peer mediation is both a program and a process where students of the same age group facilitate resolving disputes between two of their peers. This process is voluntary, confidential, and models effective communication skills. Peer mediators do not “make decisions” but rather work toward a win-win solution for both sides.



More information: www.whmediation.org/peer-mediation

[Why Peer Mediation?](#)

Having a solid peer mediation program in place can contribute to the development of safe and respectful learning environments. The mediation process allows students to become actively involved in transforming the school climate by becoming agents of change. **Program goals include the teaching of conflict resolution skills, helping students gain perspective and understanding of themselves and other students, providing a safe forum for kids to resolve differences, reducing suspensions and other disciplinary actions, addressing problems before they escalate into violence, and valuing the important role that students play in creating peaceful and productive schools.**

[How Do We Approach Our Training?](#)

We will work with school counselors, classroom teachers or principals to determine the best schedule for your school. Training is **interactive, engaging, and collaborative**. We are scheduling our Training Sessions now. Please reach out to get your school on our calendar.

[Example of Conflicts that are Suitable for Peer Mediation](#)

Elementary School

Playground disputes, groups and cliques / social issues, personal property concerns

Training is 2.5 hours

Middle School and High School

Social Media improprieties, relationship difficulties/ harassment, rumors and gossip, cheating and stealing, racial and cultural confrontations, vandalism, classroom or extracurricular disputes.

Training is 12 hours

[Topics Suitable for Teacher Workshops](#)

How Does Peer Mediation Work, and How Can it Help Our Students (10 min - 1 hour)

Restorative Justice in the School Setting (2 hours)

Conflict Resolution Basics for Schools (1 hour)

The Tools of Mediation: Active Listening, Reframing, Asking Questions (1.5 hours)

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)
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To Schedule Trainings or Workshops for Fall of 2024 or Winter 2025

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