



WEST HAWAI'I MEDIATION CENTER

Providing high quality conflict resolution services throughout West Hawai'i

Revision - please excuse my typo of Kupuna in the previous version of this email

Dear Friends of WHMC,

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. I am thrilled to be writing to you as the newest member of the West Hawaii Mediation Center team, joining as the Interim Executive Director as of August 1st.

I hope to meet many of you in-person in the upcoming months, but in the meantime, I'll take this opportunity to tell you a little more about myself. I am new to Hawaii, having moved to the Big Island in March from Princeton, New Jersey. Prior to my move, I served as the Director of Development and Communications for a nonprofit mental health agency. I've worked for many years in the nonprofit sector, including work with social justice advocacy, international and local community development, and philanthropy.

I am deeply inspired by the important mission of WHMC, and am honored to help lead the Center in the upcoming months. I hope to get to know many of you, and look forward to being a part of this lovely community of West Hawaii.

Below are some exciting updates about upcoming trainings and workshops through WHMC. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

With Aloha,
Amanda Blount, MSW
Interim Executive Director

Kupuna & Caregivers Workshop: "Communicating Needs to Family Members & Service Providers"

**Friday, August 11, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Kona - West Hawaii Civic Center
WORKSHOP FLYER**

"Caring for an older adult is all about effective communication," says workshop presenter Elizabeth Kent. "We want to talk with them about the changes in their lives--health, finances, living situation, and more. And we want to talk with family members and service providers about changing roles, making decisions, and shifting responsibilities. People can be sensitive about these issues."

In this interactive workshop, geared toward caregivers of kupuna (60+), we will learn powerful communication tools to promote understanding and peace. Workshop topics include:

- Careful listening to discover why something matters to another person
- The importance of "how" a message is said as well as "what" is said
- Verbal and non-verbal components of messages
- How to ask effective questions and focus on what is importance



Elizabeth Kent, J.D., has helped people and institutions find solutions to sticky problems for over 25 years. A trained facilitator and mediator, she teaches graduate classes in conflict system design and negotiation at UH-Manoa and a variety of conflict resolution skills classes around the state.

This is a free event, but pre-Registration is required. Please register by contacting Gina Tumasone at: (808) 885-5525 or by email: gtumasone@whmediation.org

Workshop: Restorative Practices Foundations

August 22, 2017

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

@ Mana Christian Ohana - Waimea

Restorative Practice is an approach that schools can use to improve school climate and reduce discipline disparities. It focuses on building relationships and creating community in school to prevent harm. This one-day session will provide an overview of restorative justice principles and theory, restorative practices in schools, implementation guidance and a review of resources.

This one-day workshop is open to anyone who works with children and youth, including school administrators, school board members, teachers, educational aides, school resource officers, transportation staff, school facilities staff, student support staff, school volunteers, family members and community partners. Please note that morning refreshments and lunch will not be provided. You are encouraged to bring your own beverages and snacks.

**Free to the public. Registration
required by August 14th.
To register, or for more**



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