



CRCSTL News & Updates

January/February 2024

Our Vision is for communities to have the tools to resolve conflict creatively and reach meaningful, equitable solutions.



2024 New Year's News: We are expanding!

Starting in 2024, thanks to funding from the Missouri Housing Development Commission, the Conflict Resolution Center - St. Louis will help to bring peace beyond St. Louis City by offering housing mediation services at no charge to residents of St. Louis, St. Charles and Jefferson counties.

See the St. Louis American article about the expansion.

DOWNLOAD

Neighborhood Networking

Turning adversaries into collaborators

Sometimes neighbors are not considerate or cooperative. When that happens, CRCSTL swoops in to help. Assisting neighbors with mediation and/or conflict coaching in a safe and confidential space allows neighbors to learn about each other, find amicable solutions, and restore peace of mind. Having peace of mind in your home and neighborhood builds a foundation for success in other parts of your life and is priceless.

Can you believe St. Louis City has over 70 organized Neighborhood Associations with regularly scheduled meetings? This past year we were able to present our services to **17** associations/organizations with over **200+** attendees total. Our active involvement with the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) and the identified 10 Priority Neighborhoods, the Federation of Block Units (Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis), the St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA), and the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) has been instrumental in spreading our reach into the actual neighborhoods and "boots on the ground" approach. We work closely with the City's Citizen Service Bureau and the Neighborhood Stabilization Team offering free mediation and conflict coaching to residents who are having troubles in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Associations who've invited us to speak and partner with:

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| North Newstead Crime Summit | Hamilton Heights Sunday Funday |
| Concerned Citizens United | LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association |
| Benton Park Neighborhood Association | West End Neighbors Group |
| Chain of Rocks Neighborhood Association | North Side Scattered Sites Residents |
| Euclid Plaza Residents | South Hampton Neighborhood Association |
| Gravois Park Neighborhood Association | Wells Goodfellow Neighborhood Group |
| SLACO Annual Regional Conference | SLACO Home Improvement Summit |
| Ward 12 Community Meeting | Ward 22 Community Meeting |

and McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association

Wells Goodfellow Neighborhood Meeting, June 2023 | SLACO Home Improvement Summit, June 2023 | Ward 22 Community Meeting, February 2023

The CRCSTL 2023 Impact Report is here.

Core Mediation/Rule 17 Training fast approaching!

January 12 & 13 in person at the CRCSTL offices. Register here.



Stay up-to-date with CRCSTL with our CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Sign up to be a volunteer and you'll receive a bi-weekly volunteer update via email!



OUT & ABOUT



November 4, 2023, Multi-Ethnic Chamber Mixer



November 9, 2023, Greater St. Louis, Inc. Multi-Chamber Outlook Breakfast



CRCSTL Leadership Takes Mediation Practices to Washington, D.C.:

Programs Manager Kristin and Executive Director Wolf traveled to DC to present at 2 different conflict resolution conferences! Kristin co-presented at the Association for Conflict Resolution Annual Conference with board member, MAP graduate, and all-around amazing human being Patti Fox. They presented on high school mediation tournaments and its impact on students' peacemaking abilities. Wolf presented at the National Association For Community Mediation 2023 Assembly on how community mediation centers can charge for certain services (such as our Workplace Solutions program) while remaining true to our roots.

SPOTLIGHT: Mediation Around the World

Qatar is Chief Mediator in Israel Hamas War - Excerpts from A.P. 27 Nov. 2023 by Isabel Debre

The cease-fire deal seemed on the verge of unraveling when a Qatari jet landed at Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport on Saturday, November 25th.

Negotiators aboard set to work. It marked an extraordinary moment as Qatar and Israel have no official diplomatic relations. The weekend mission was successful. Most of the team jetted home, but several Qatari mediators stayed behind to work with Israeli intelligence officials on extending the truce. Mediators from Egypt and the U.S. joined in the negotiations. A steady stream of officials has passed through Doha to that end, including Iran's foreign minister, Lebanon's caretaker prime minister and the director of the CIA. Qatar hosts the largest American military base between Europe and Japan.

excerpted from the Association of Missouri Mediators December 2023 e-newsletter

A Word from Our Executive Director Wolf Smith

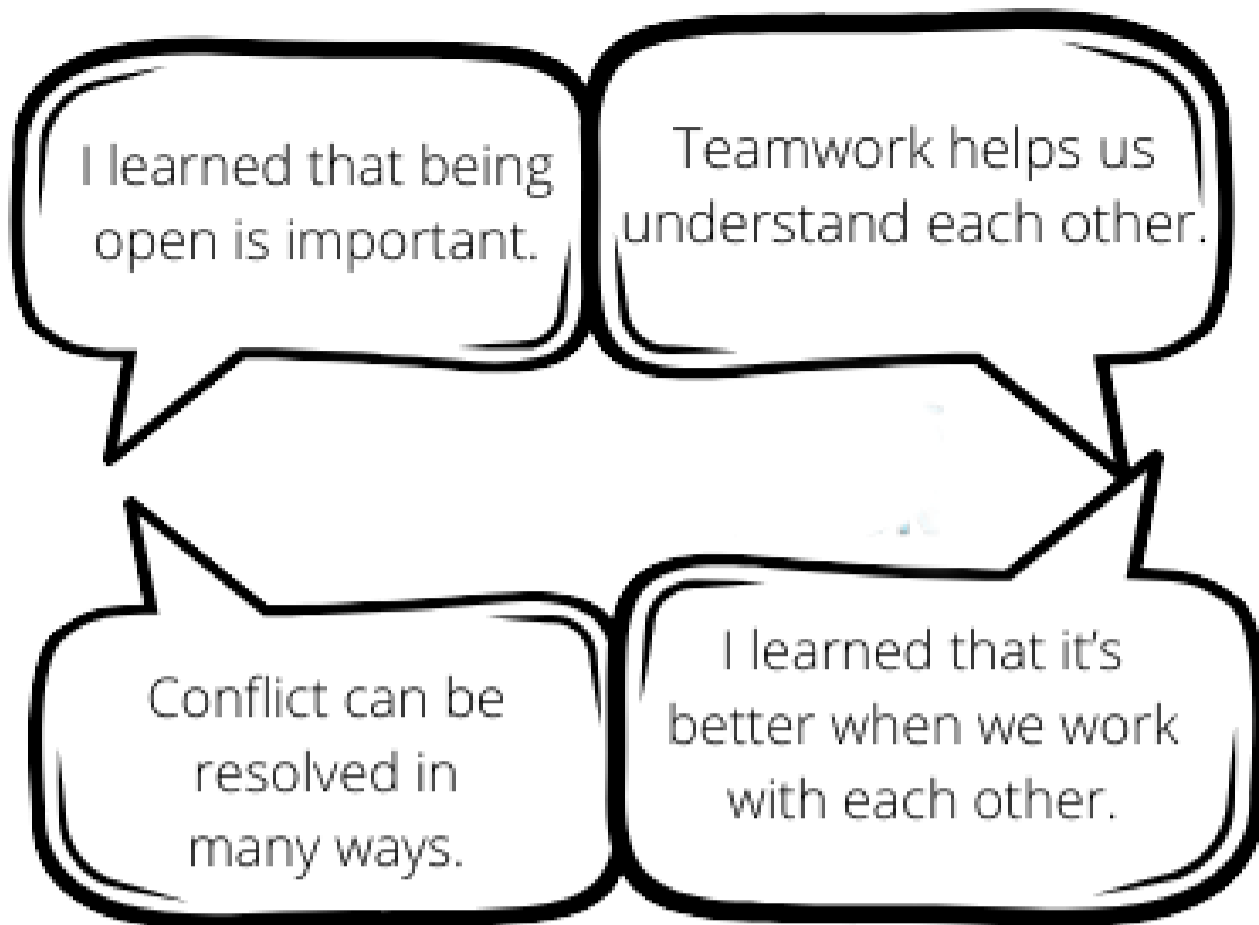
For us, the beginning of the year marks an opportunity for reflection and setting intentions. Much like we may set resolutions for the year, no matter how successfully we may keep them, we use this time to remind ourselves and our community who we are and what we want to be.

We have many exciting things happening this year. Starting in 2024, thanks to a grant from the Missouri Housing Development Commission, we are expanding our housing services to St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County. We are also focusing on meaningful volunteer engagement through our Build. Expand. Engage. campaign. Finally, we will be making some important announcements in the coming months about our investment in community conflict prevention education.

We can't wait for all of the exciting things and challenges that 2024 will bring, and we are all so grateful to have you a long for this journey with us.



Student Thoughts on Student Led Peer Mediation (SLPM) (featured in our [2023 Impact Report](#))



Check out the newest Peer Mediation blog post.

Upcoming Events & Dates of Interest

January 8th · 6 pm–7:30 pm
Public Safety Town Hall
 Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis
 • see flyer to right

January 12-13th
Basic Core (Rule 17) Training

January 15th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 CRCSTL Office Closed

January 20th · 2 pm–5 pm
OVP Kickback
 Youth and Family Center
 818 Cass Ave, 63106 • see flyer below

January 30th · 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Renter's Townhall
 Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being
 • 1000 North Vandeventer Ave, 63113

February 1st
First Day of Black History Month

February 14th
Valentine's Day

February 17th
OVP Kickback - TBD

February 19th
President's Day
 CRCSTL Office Closed

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
 PRESIDENT MEGAN E. GREEN

Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

January 8, 2024 · 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis
 1408 N. Kingshighway Blvd. • St. Louis, MO 63113

Public safety remains a top concern for city residents and local leaders. Join city officials for an update on the state of public safety in St. Louis and the solutions being implemented to make our neighborhoods safer.

Panelists

- Megan E. Green**
President of the Board of Aldermen
- Chief Robert Tracy**
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
- Dir. Charles Coyle**
Department of Public Safety
- Gabe Gore**
City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney
- Dr. LJ Punch**
Founder, The T and The BRIC
- James Clark**
V.P. Public Safety & Community Response, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

Moderator

- Shameem Clark Hubbard**
Alderswoman of the 10th Ward

Resources Provided By

Office of Violence Prevention · Safe Connections · Urban League · Personnel Department · Citizens' Service Bureau · Neighborhood Improvement Specialists

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To RSVP & submit your questions to our panel.

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→ bit.ly/pboatownhall

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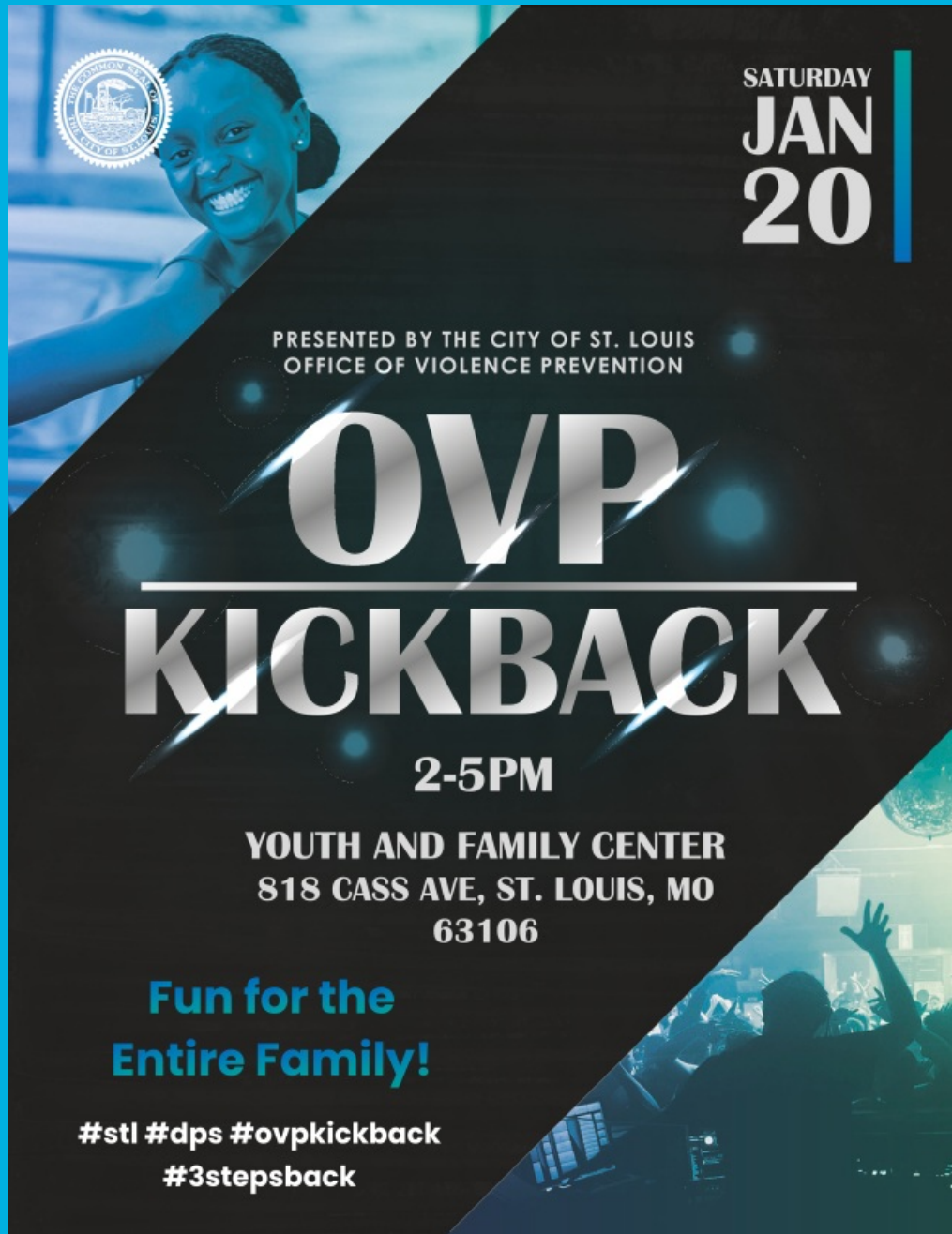
August 29th · 6 pm - 7:30 pm


Renter's Townhall

Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being • 1000 North Vandeventer Ave, 63113

February 29th

Leap Year Day



 SATURDAY
**JAN
20**

PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

OVP KICKBACK

2-5PM

**YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER
818 CASS AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO
63106**

**Fun for the
Entire Family!**

**#stl #dps #ovpkickback
#3stepsback**

Follow CRCSTL on social media to stay up to date on community events in St. Louis featuring us and our partners!



How can we help you?

Neighbor disputes? Landlord or Tenant Issues? We can help!

Get help from
CRCSTL

Get in touch

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