



# CRCSTL News & Updates

November/December 2023

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



Student Led Peer Mediation is soaring! Getting great responses from the community, students and educators alike.

Picture above is from a mediation panel at St. Louis Public Library.

Read more about this program below.



## Take a listen!

Our own Outreach Manager, Sheila Webster and Mediation & Education Manager, Cat Straubinger, stopped by local NPR's St. Louis On the Air to discuss how we got our start, our background in landlord-tenant mediations, and our other offered services. [Click to listen](#) to the full episode.



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## Our next Rule 17/Core Mediation Training is coming: January 12-13, 2024

These sessions will be in person at the CRCSTL offices.

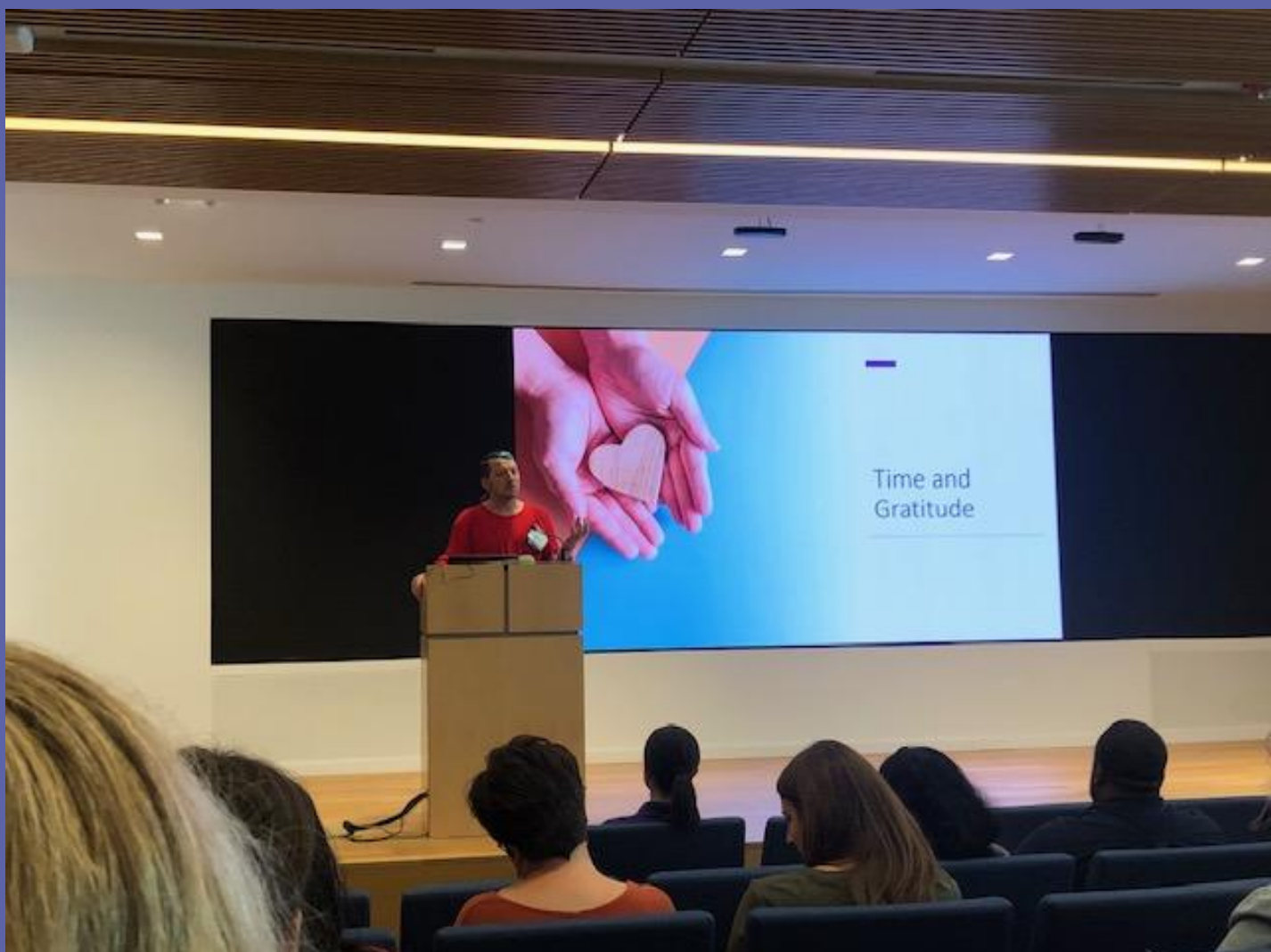
Find out more information about these training sessions on our  
website.

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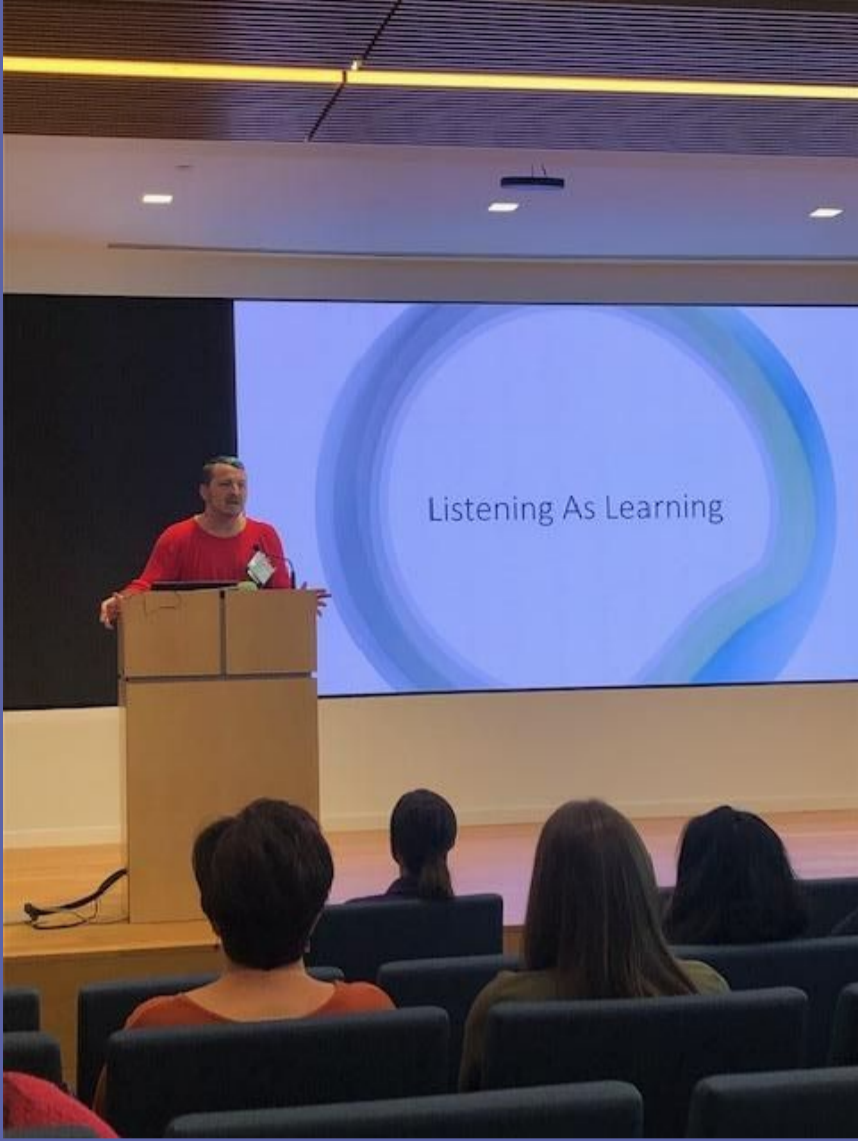
## Out & About

### October 20 - Nonprofit Marketers Network-STL SPECTRUM 2023

*Our Executive Director, Wolf Smith, was fantastic as the keynote speaker at this year's all-day event! There were 150+ attendees representing 100+ unique organizations who arrived ready to listen and learn.*







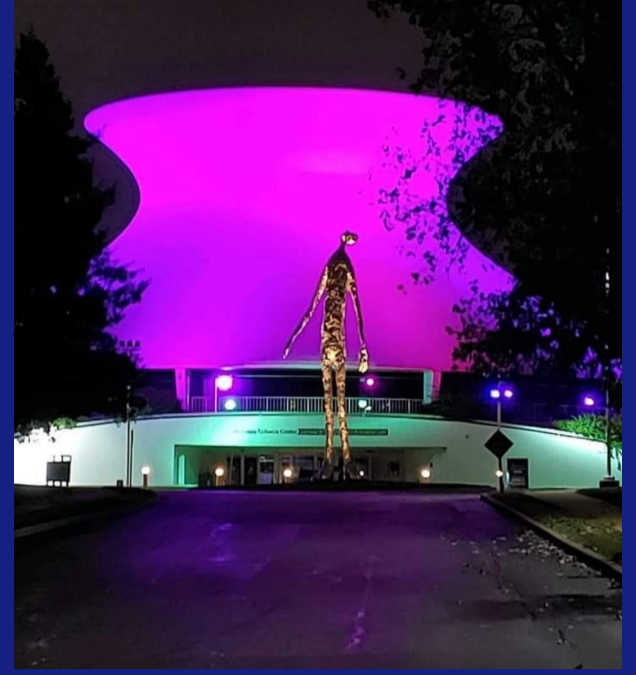
## October 21 - Diamond Divas Turned STL Purple

*Diamond Divas Empowerment Foundation held their 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Rally & Walk, we are proud to be a partner and loved joining in this impactful event.*



Scenes of a Purple STL! We love to see the community support!





*It was Landlord week, or so it seemed, at the end of October:*

## October 24 - St. Louis Apartment Association (SLAA) Trade Show

*We showcased CRCSTL to larger property management firms, their staff and owners, inviting them to try Mediation instead of Litigation! There were 92 vendors and 450+ attendees to this event.*



## October 26 - St. Louis Metro Housing Collective (STLMHC) Event

*The St. Louis Metro Housing Collective supports landlords, service providers, and community stakeholders to promote housing stability and reduce homelessness. One*



particular focus of this group is to partner small landlords with service agencies to help find housing for the underserved and homeless community. CRCSTL is proud to help with this bi-annual event.



## SPOTLIGHT: MEDIATOR



**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Pearlina Boyd!*

2023 **Lawyer Monthly's Alternative Dispute Resolution** awardee

2023 **Delux Power 100** awardee





Stay up to date with our Events Calendar!

Sign up to be a volunteer & you'll receive an emailed bi-weekly volunteer update!

## A Word from Our Executive Director

Wolf Smith

For many, November and December are times of gratitude, reflection, and joy. Historically, these months celebrate the ending of harvest and a preparation for the months to come. I believe these themes continue as we celebrate the many great things we accomplished throughout the year and prepare for another year of doing the work.



First, a special thank you to all of CRCSTL's staff, board, volunteers, and donors. Without each of your contributions, we could not have done as much great work this year as we did! As we celebrate another incredible year, we are also looking to the future. I am excited to announce that in 2024, we will be expanding our landlord-tenant program to also include St. Louis County, Jefferson County, and St. Charles County! As we continue to grow, I want to also say thank you to all of you for joining us on this journey!

## OUR WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS WORK!



"Our team was moved and empowered by the Conflict Management and De-escalation Training. Many of us reflected that the training provided an incredible perspective shift by framing conflict as a natural occurrence rather than something to avoid.

This helped us not only appreciate causes and indicators of conflict, but also how to tap into readily available tools like body language, word choice, and environmental awareness in order to better navigate these situations with care."

- St. Louis Contemporary Art Museum

Find out more about our Workplace Solutions programming.

# SLPM UPDATE

Our Student Led Peer Mediation (SLPM) program has been growing! We published our Student Led Peer Mediation Program Mediation Guide as an open-source document for all to use on our website.

This guide prioritized youth input and shows how to enable a program by and for students. Since then, we began to partner with local schools and now have a dedicated Peer Mediation Room at KIPP Inspire Middle School.

## **PARTNER SCHOOLS/ORGANIZATIONS:**

- KIPP Inspire Middle School
- Grand Center Arts Academy (6-8th grade)
- Confluence Preparatory Academy
- St. Louis Public Library

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The text "Thank You" is written in a white, cursive font and is centered over a horizontal brushstroke of teal color.

*We are deeply grateful for our donors throughout the year and we hope you consider us for year-end giving. Thank you for your support of a tax-deductible donation to Conflict Resolution Center - St. Louis that goes towards reducing conflict in our community.*

Please consider us for #GivingTuesday this year. Donate here.

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## Upcoming Events & Dates of Interest

November 1st  
LSEM webinar: Know Your Rights: All About Evictions - *see flyer to right*

November 4th • 3 pm - 6 pm  
Multi-Ethnic Chamber Mixer  
International Institute • 3401 Arsenal, 63118, *see flyer below*

November 7th  
Election Day

November 8th  
LSEM webinar: Know Your Rights: All About Evictions - *see flyer to right*

November 8th  
Veteran's Day

*CRCSTL offices closed*

November 15th  
LSEM webinar: Know Your Rights: All About Evictions  
- *see flyer to right*

November 18th · 2 pm–6 pm  
OVP Kickback - O'Fallon Park YMCA, *see flyer below*

November 23rd - 24th  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
*CRCSTL offices closed*

November 28th  
Renter's Townhall  
Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being • 1000 North Vandeventer Ave, 63113

November 30th · 4 pm via Zoom  
CRCSTL Office Hours - Exploring CRCSTL's Partnership Network & How We Make Referrals

December 1st · 11 am–3 pm  
Better Family Life Resource Fair

December 8th · 12 pm  
CRCSTL Volunteer Orientation

December 16th · 2 pm–6 pm  
OVP Kickback - *location TBD*

December 25th  
Christmas Day  
*CRCSTL offices closed*

December 26th  
Renter's Townhall  
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January 1st, 2024  
New Year's Day  
*CRCSTL offices closed*

## Know Your Rights: All about Eviction

FREE Zoom Webinar Series  
Wednesdays, Oct 25th - Nov 15th

Learn about preventing and addressing eviction in this 4-part series.

All sessions: 12 pm - 1 pm

### Tips for a Successful Tenancy & Avoiding Eviction

Learn how to read a lease and grasp the basics of landlord/tenant law



Courtney Noll, Managing Attorney  
Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Oct. 25

### Using MoTenantHelp.org

Use a new website to respond to an eviction and get helpful resources



Terry Lawson, Managing Attorney  
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

Nov. 1



John Boyer, Staff Attorney  
Legal Aid of Western Missouri

### Understanding Eviction Proceedings in Court

Understanding unlawful detainer, illegal possession and more



Jon Althaus, Managing Attorney  
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

Nov. 8

### Know your Housing Rights

How to recognize housing discrimination



Marissa Cohen, Dir. Outreach & Advocacy  
Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing & Opportunity Council (EHOC)

Nov. 15

REGISTER FOR ONE SESSION OR ALL FOUR!

Scan here to register



Or, click here to register:

<https://bit.ly/KnowYourEvictionRights>

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# MULTI-ETHNIC CHAMBER MIXER

Celebrating our Diverse Cultures

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

3401 ARSENAL ST, ST. LOUIS, MO 63118

Hosted by:



Join us for our first multi-ethnic chamber event to learn and share about our diverse cultures! This is a family-friendly event.

Food and drinks will be available.

We invite you to wear clothing that represents your culture.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:



NO COST TO ATTEND  
REGISTER HERE:

<https://multi-ethnic-chambers.eventbrite.com>

November  
**18**  
Saturday

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



# KICK OVP BACK

TURKEY  
GIVEAWAY,  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES,  
ETC.

2-6 PM  
**O'FALLON PARK YMCA**  
4343 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE, 63115  
(INDOORS)

**FUN FOR THE  
ENTIRE FAMILY!**

**DIVERSIÓN PARA  
TODA LA FAMILIA!**

#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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