

# CRCSTL News & Updates

May/June 2023

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



Now accepting applications for our Fall 2023 MAP Cohort:



Learn More about CRCSTL's Mediation Apprenticeship Program

Applications are live! Join us for a free information session on June 8.



Stay up-to-date with CRCSTL with the website's new **CALENDAR OF EVENTS!** 



We're are looking for volunteers for CRCSTL Volunteer Committees.

PURPOSE: Planning and hosting events, sending invitations, supporting event promotion

Examples:

- MAP Graduation
- Small gatherings (e.g., Coffee and Conversation)
- Networking meetings-Volunteer appreciation events
- CRCSTL Annual event (eg: CRC Soiree)

PURPOSE: Conducting community outreach with and on behalf of CRCSTL

#### **Examples:**

- Conducting community presentations
- Tabling community events
- Attending neighborhood meetings
- Developing promotional content-Social networking: including testimonials and blogs
- Envelope stuffing
- Material delivery to community partners (e.g., library material drop-off)

PURPOSE: Maintaining and developing mediation and conflict resolution knowledge base through educational workshops, blogs, and presentations

#### Examples:

- Coordinating CRCSTL Lunch and Learns
- Supporting MAP and Rule 17 through role play and presentation
- Blog posts about the field of conflict resolution to establish CRCSTL as a subject matter authority
- SLPM Support

### In the News: The Power of Mediation



Watch the full video on CNN.com.

# A Word from Our Executive Director Wolf Smith

Over the past few months, we have seen conflict resolution making major news, from peace building efforts between countries to mediating headlines-level cases. In many ways, these high profile efforts raise awareness about the value and impact of neutral facilitators in tense situations.

At CRCSTL, we have been working diligently to bring these advantages to our own communities. On any given day, members of CRCSTL are out in the community spreading the word at community events, resource fairs, and

partner organizations. We are grateful to have so many opportunities to share about our services as a free asset for our community! I know with the summer coming up, my calendar is quickly filling up with all sorts of social events. As you are out and about, we hope you'll consider sharing information about CRCSTL with your friends and neighbors. If you have an event coming up and you're willing to leave out a few brochures, reach out! We would be happy to share some with you. Thank you from everyone at CRCSTL for your support!



## A Word from Our Board

Jamala Rogers, CRCSTL Board Member & Board Development Committee

I've been doing mediation work for the past three decades - from doing trainings to engaging in both informal and formal mediations. That's because I'm convinced of its value and impact. The success of mediations is because sometimes you just need that neutral party to bring people in conflict together



and because humans have a compelling desire to be heard.

We're at a time in this country where violent resolution has increasingly become the first resort. The Conflict Resolution Center has played a critical role in providing the skills and opportunities to creatively resolve conflict in many spaces. I look forward to the day when resolving conflict in non-violent ways becomes the norm and not the exception. I believe that CRCSTL is uniquely positioned to move the St. Louis region in that positive direction.

## Out & About with CRCSTL

Last month, members of CRCSTL's programs team had the opportunity to visit some of our nonprofit partner agencies! We loved receiving tours of other nonprofits that are serving the St. Louis region and learning how we can all work together to better serve our clients!





Thank you to our partner organizations:

@MissionStLouis

@ULofMetroSTL

@BHR\_STL

@The\_T\_STL

@THEB\_R\_I\_C

@Legal\_Services\_of\_Eastern\_Missouri

@EmploymentSTL

@EHOCSTL

@Diamond.Diva\_Empowerment\_Found



Real-Life Solutions: Community Recommendations

"I reached out to CRCSTL in hopes of assisting me with a conflict with my landlord. They assisted me with communicating effectively with my landlord without egos being involved. It worked out so well, I am going to re-sign my lease. CRCSTL also helped me with utilities that had not been taken care of by a prior agency. They bridged a gap that I didn't think was possible. I would recommend anyone to CRCSTL."

-Tanisha B.



Conflict in the workplace? It's not unusual but it can lead to uncomfortable and unproductive situations.

CRC's mediators can help. See how:

**Workplace Solutions** 

# **Upcoming Events & Dates of Interest**

May 5th Cinco de Mayo

May 14th **Mother's Day** 

May 20th · *2 pm-6 pm*The OPV Kickback - Baden

Hickey Park • 8674 N Broadway, 63147

May 29th

Memorial Day

CRCSTL offices closed

May 30th · *6 pm - 7:30 pm* 

Renter's Townhall

Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being • 1000 North

Vandeventer Ave, 63113

June 3rd
SLACO Home Repair Summit

O'Fallon Park YMCA Rec Center • 4343 W Florissant Ave, 63115

June 8th · *4 pm - 5 pm* 

CRCSTL Mediation Apprenticeship Program (MAP) Free Info Session (online)

June 14th Flag Day

June 17th · 2 pm–6 pm
The OPV Kickback - Mt Pleasant



June 18th Father's Day

June 27th · 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Renter's Townhall

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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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