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CRCSTL News & Updates

Where conflict finds solutions. March/April 2024



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

We're expanding! Starting in 2024, thanks to funding from the Missouri Housing Development Commission, the CRCSTL 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.



2024 HONOREE!

We are thrilled to be among the 2024 Focus St. Louis Honorees for What's Right with the Region in the *Demonstrating Innovative Solutions* category.



Sign up to be a volunteer & receive a bi-weekly email



Stay up to date with our Calendar of Events



OUT & ABOUT

January 24 - Cabinet in Community with Mayor Jones





January 31 - Training at St. Louis City Counselors



February 17 - OVP Kickback - Baden Area





A Word from Our Executive Director Wolf Smith

As I was out for a walk in my neighborhood this weekend, I saw the first telltale signs of Spring: green growth, new buds, and children playing. For many, Spring celebrates growth, renewal, and the return to sunshine. But as many teachers can attest, Spring also brings its own share of challenges.

For many students, Spring means “almost Summer,” and the closer we get, the more restless students become. This leads to an uptick in conflict at schools and among young people. During this time, it is important for young people to have more relational ways of resolving conflict without escalating to fights, and our Student-Led Peer Mediation program does just that! If you’d like to learn more about the program and what we’re doing to empower young people with more productive ways of resolving conflict, you can learn more at the dedicated site: <https://peermediation.net/>.



PARTNER ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT

National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM)

NAFCM emerged following discussions between a diverse group of conflict resolvers at the May 1993 National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution in Portland, Oregon. These individuals noted that community mediation differed from



other mediation models because of its clear focus on the community. In community mediation, the power for developing choices remains with those within the conflict. Community mediation is grounded in the foundational principles and processes as set forth in the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 10, the focus of which is: justice, peace creation, and engagement.

From this series of meetings, those gathered developed the 9 Hallmarks of Community Mediation. These were established based on both their experiences and education on what is needed to stay grounded in both the Civil Rights Act with the vision that community mediation is community mobilization.

NAFCM soon became the national organization of support for community mediation centers and the larger field of community mediation. NAFCM supports peacemakers by being the hub for advancing the work, aggregating the wisdom, and amplifying the voice of community mediators and those communities and individuals we serve. NAFCM's purpose, as a membership association, is to help these peacemakers to create brave spaces for the transformation of conflict into opportunities for engagement, choice development, and partnership amongst those involved in and impacted by the conflict.

Since NAFCM's beginnings, we have been the national voice for community mediation, creating opportunities to express our belief that mediative processes are based in the community, and that the self determination of every community enables community mediation centers to offer and engage with the conflict resolution processes which best meets their needs - dialogue, facilitation, restorative practice, training, education, conflict coaching, as well as mediation.

Our Workplace Solutions Work!

Conflict is a natural part of life but learning how to best deal with it is a skill everyone needs to master. Wolf and their team at the Conflict Resolution Center-St Louis provided our coworkers with useful information, and truly challenged us to learn our personal triggers and how to best cope with them. They're an excellent trainer who's calm demeanor and ability to make everyone feel heard set the perfect tone. Thanks for bringing this valuable training to our teachers and staff!

-Mary Finklang, Ursuline Academy

Learn more about our Workplace Solutions

Upcoming Student-Led Peer Mediation Training!

A poster for Peer Mediation Training. It features a young Black man in profile, wearing a grey hoodie, with his hand raised near his face in a meditative gesture. The background is a warm orange color with several overlapping circles in shades of brown, tan, and grey. The text on the poster reads: "PEER MEDIATION" in large, bold, black letters. Below that, it says "THURSDAYS, APRIL 4-MAY 9 5-6:30 PM CENTRAL LIBRARY". At the bottom left, there are logos for the Conflict Resolution Center (CRC) at St. Louis University, the Student Led Peer Mediation program, and the Missouri Humanities Board (mhb).

PEER MEDIATION

THURSDAYS,
APRIL 4-MAY 9
5-6:30 PM
CENTRAL LIBRARY

  

[More info on SLPL Peer Mediation Training](#)

[Keep up to date with SLPM news at peermediation.net](https://peermediation.net)

- Exciting news from one of our partner schools, KIPP, is participating in an online Peer Mediation Tournament! We are wishing them the **BEST OF LUCK!** It encompasses several rounds from March-May.



GIVE STL DAY is coming!

Mark your calendars for May 9, 2024, but the portal is open now!

Choose CRCSTL as your favorite St. Louis non-profit, donate using the button below.

[Give STL Day + CRCSTL](#)

Upcoming Events & Dates of Interest

March 9th-14th
[Beginning of 314 STL celebrations](#)

March 13th
CRCSTL MAP Graduation

March 14th
314 St. Louis Day

March 16th · *2 pm–6 pm*
OVP Kickback - Cherokee Street
see flyer to right

March 17th
St. Patrick's Day

March 19th & 21st · *11 am - 3 pm*
**River City Outdoors Thrive Outside
Spring Break 2024**
see flyer down at bottom
The Boathouse at Forest Park

March 26th · *8:30 am - 11:30 am*
**St. Louis Apartment Association's
Leasing Panel Breakfast**

March 26th
Renter's Townhall

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

March 29th-30th
CRCSTL's Basic Core (Rule 17) Training

April 4th
CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (1 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library
see flyer above in the SLPM section for these events

April 9th · *9 am - 12 pm*
St. Louis Apartment Association's Advanced Fair Housing Seminar - Out of the Box

April 11th
CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (2 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library

April 11th
AMM Trainings, Regional Meeting & Reception - see flyer below

April 18th
CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (3 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library

April 20th · *2 pm–6 pm*
OVP Kickback - Fairground Park

April 25th
CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (4 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library

April 25th
Community Builder's Network (CBN) Community Development Family Reunion

April 29th · *6 pm–7:30 pm*
Town Hall on Worker's Rights w/ BOA President Green
IBEW Hall • 5850 Elizabeth Ave, 63110

The City of St. Louis
Office of Violence Prevention
invites you to the join us at the

OVP

KICKBACK

MARCH 16, 2024

2-5 PM

**2715 Cherokee Street
St. Louis, MO 63118**

Join us each month
for family-friendly
fun, food, and access
to community
resources

#DPS
#OVPKickback
#3steps back



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March 30th

Renter's Townhall

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May 2nd

CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (5 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library

May 9th

CRCSTL's Student-Led Peer Mediation Training (6 of 6) at St. Louis Public Library



Spring Break 2024

March 19 and 21
11-3 PM
@ The Boathouse
at Forest Park

Paddling and climbing for families!
Open to the public and free for all!
Includes free food!

Questions?
thriveoutside@rivercityoutdoors.org

"New Directions in Negotiation, Diversity, Inclusion, & Leadership" #86

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Washington University School of Law – Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Program
United States Arbitration & Mediation
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WashULaw Public Interest Law & Policy Speaker Series
WashU Law & Business Society
Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy

Thursday, April 11, 2024
2:00 – 4:00pm
In person & Zoom
Washington University School of Law - Anheuser-Busch Hall – Bryan Cave Courtroom
2.0* MO CLE (including 1.0* ethics/bias) *pending approval

Welcome
Rob Litz - USA&M

2:00pm "Seven Tensions of Negotiation"
Cash Nickerson – Visiting Professor of Practice, WashULaw, and Author of Seven Tensions of Negotiation and Negotiation as a Martial Art
Moderator: Karen Tokarz - Charles Nagel Professor of Public Interest Law & Policy and Director, Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Program, WashULaw

3:00pm "Diversity, Inclusion, and Leadership" (Ethics)**
**Qualifies for MO CLE Implicit Bias, Cultural Competency, Diversity and Inclusion requirement*
Bryan Adamson - David & Ann Brennan Professor of Law, Assoc. Dean for Diversity & Inclusion, and Founder, Academy for Inclusive Leadership, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Moderator: Adrienne Davis - William M. Van Cleve Professor, WashULaw, and Professor of Organizational Behavior & Leadership, WashU Business School

4:00pm Association of Missouri Mediators St. Louis Regional Meeting/Reception
Reception hosted by the Association of Missouri Mediators
WashULaw Library, Anheuser-Busch Hall, Janite Lee Reading Room.

Open to the public and will be in-person and on Zoom. **To attend in person**, please Register for CLE Seminars Online - United States Arbitration & Mediation (usam.com) or call Kelly at (314) 231-4642.
To attend via ZOOM, please click this link to register:
https://wustl.zoom.us/j/920bYxGhK5P8L4_nkYEWeAJ#registration
There is no fee for this CLE seminar, but registration is required.

Closest on-campus visitor parking is in the west and north parking lots adjoining Anheuser-Busch Hall (enter off Forest Park onto Throop Drive) at cost of \$2/hr per vehicle. For more information, contact Karen Tokarz at tokarz@wustl.edu.

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

20 S. Sarah Street
St. Louis, MO 63108

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info@crcstl.org

We now have a Linktree for all things CRCSTL!



Visit our
Website



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