

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SAFE AND DRUG-FREE YOUTH SECTION
Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation
2008-2009 Schedule of Trainings and Other Services**
For registration: <http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/plt/MyPLT/index.html>

I. PEER MEDIATION TRAINING

A 24-hour mediation training to teach staff members strategies for resolving conflict. The training is recommended for staff members from schools, centers, and offices that are planning to begin new peer mediation programs, strengthen existing programs, or utilize mediation skills in their daily jobs. ***There will be a charge of \$25 per participant to attend this training.***

All trainings will be held at Gatehouse Administration Center:

- _____ October 7, 8, & 9, 2008 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) - **Conference Rooms 4050/4051**
- _____ December 10, 11, & 12, 2008 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) - **Conference Rooms 4050/4051**
- _____ April 20, 21, & 22, 2009 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) - **Conference Rooms 3050/3051**

A participant must attend the entire 24 hours in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Limited substitute funds are available. To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

II. ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING

The Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section offers a 12-hour advanced mediation training program for staff members who have completed the 24-hour general mediation training. ***There will be a charge of \$25 per participant to attend this training.***

Two sessions are scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

- _____ December 4, 2008 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.); December 5, 2008 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
Conference Rooms 3050/3051
- _____ April 29, 2009 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.); April 30, 2009 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
Conference Rooms 3050/3051

A participant must attend the entire 12 hours in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Limited substitute funds are available. To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

III. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE – A NEW MODEL FOR USING MEDIATION

Learn a new approach to mediation that works to create healing where wrongs have been committed. This model is breaking new ground in mediation and can be an important aspect of creating a school climate that is truly “bully-free”. ***There will be a charge of \$25 per participant to attend this training.***

One session is scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

- _____ November 11 & 12, 2008 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) - **Conference Rooms 2050/2051**

A participant must attend the entire 16 hours in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Limited substitute funds are available. To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

IV. GROUP MEDIATION TRAINING

The Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section offers a 16-hour group mediation training program for staff (and advanced HS Mediators) who have completed the 24-hour general mediation training. The training will survey group mediation, introduce a group mediation model, and simulate a group conflict. ***There will be a charge of \$25 per participant to attend this training.***

One session is scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

_____ February 5 & 6, 2009 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) - **Conference Rooms 3050/3051**

A participant must attend the entire 16 hours in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Limited substitute funds are available.

To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

V. JUDICIAL TRAINING

The Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section offers a 4-hour training in the Virginia judicial system for staff that have completed the 24-hour general mediation training. The training provides an overview of the judicial system, the dispute resolution and mediation statutes, and the standards of ethics for certified mediators. The training meets the judicial training requirement for certification as a mediator in Virginia. Trainers to be announcement. ***There will be a charge of \$35 per participant to attend this training.***

One session is scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

_____ April 30, 2009 (12 p.m. to 4 p.m.) - **Conference Rooms 3050/3051**

A participant must attend the entire 4 hours in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Limited substitute funds are available. To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

VI. PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING

The Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section is offering a 3.5 hour peer mediation program implementation training ***(to be followed by a peer mediation coordinator's meeting)*** to help school staff start new programs or reenergize existing programs. This training will review different types of mediation programs, present best practices, and provide a comprehensive overview of how to run an effective mediation program. Platters for lunch will be put out at noon.

One session is scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

_____ October 27, 2008 (8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) - **Conference Rooms 4050/4051**

Limited substitute funds are available. To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.

VII. PEER MEDIATION COORDINATORS' MEETINGS

The purpose of the meeting is to network with coordinators from other schools, share program ideas and talk about pyramid wide trainings for elementary schools. Both the HS Curriculum and a draft of the middle school and elementary curriculums will be available for coordinators. Time will be set up for pyramids to meet across levels. Coordinators at each level will also have a chance to get together and exchange ideas. We encourage **all** peer mediation coordinators to sign up and attend. Sub funds are available.

Two sessions are scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center:

- _____ October 30, 2008 (8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) Clusters 5, 6, 7 & 8
Conference Rooms 4050/4051
- _____ October 30, 2008 (12 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Clusters 1, 2, 3 & 4
Conference Rooms 4050/4051

To register, fill out and return the attached registration form.
THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS MEETING. Lunch will be provided.

VIII. OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Specialized trainings can be designed upon request. If we may assist you in an in-service, program design, speaking to your faculty or administration, locating outside speakers, etc., please do not hesitate to call.

IX. STAFF AND STUDENT MEDIATION SERVICES

Staff mediation services are available by request to Equity and Compliance. If you are involved in an escalated situation or know of one in your school or work site please contact them at 571-423-3050 for assistance. If you need some assistance with an escalated student dispute, you can call the conflict resolution specialist at 571-423-4273.

X. STUDENT MEDIATION CONFERENCES

The dates for Student Mediation Conference are as follows:

- ◆ **November 25, 2008 (High School); 17th Annual Northern Virginia Regional Student Mediation Conference - George Mason/SUB II**
- ◆ **February 11, 2009 Facilitator Training – Gatehouse Administration Center, Conference Room 3050/3051**
- ◆ **March 10 (Middle), 11 (Elementary), 2009, 17th Annual Northern Virginia Regional Student Mediation Conference - GMU/Johnson Center**

Registration information for the high school conference will be sent in late September.
Registration for the March conference will be sent in early January.
High school mediators are encouraged to facilitate workshops at the March conference.

Student Peer Mediation Demonstrations

My students are willing to demonstrate mediation at one of the peer mediation trainings.

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE PEER MEDIATION TRAINING AND THE ADVANCED TRAINING AND WOULD LIKE EITHER TO COACH AT A TRAINING OR BE PUT ON A LIST OF MEDIATORS TO BE CALLED UPON FOR STAFF MEDIATIONS, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR WILLINGNESS BELOW.

_____ Coach

_____ Mediator List

Contact Joan Packer, Conflict Resolution Specialist, Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section, Gatehouse Administration Center at joan.packer@fcps.edu or 571-423-4273.