

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference is specially designed for peer mediators in elementary, middle and high school programs.

The conference will begin at 9:00 am with opening remarks from Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred Lewis and then students will attend workshops. After lunch (provided), the students will return to a joint closing session where they will receive certificates of attendance, take a school photo and participate in cooperative games with fellow mediators.

The program will conclude by 1:30.

SCHEDULE

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | Opening Session
Chief Justice Fred Lewis |
| 9:45 - 10:30 | Workshop A |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | Workshop B |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30 - 1:30 | Closing Activities |

Middle school students can choose two of the following (#1 – #5) 45 minute sessions. They will attend one from 9:45 – 10:30 and the other from 10:45 – 11:30. Experienced middle school and high school mediators may opt instead to attend the double session on role plays (#6) which will run 9:45 – 11:30 with a break in the middle.

1. Anger Management

Group exercises designed to help students become more aware of anger in order to better manage it
Presented by Stephanie McHardy, Florida Dispute Resolution Center
Middle School

2. Communication

Small group exercises to explore your ability in tuning into others
Presented by Lynn Wicker, Florida State University College of Education
Middle School

3. Diversity in Action

Learn why diversity is so important in all we do.
Presented by Gerardo Rivera, Coordinator Human Resources, Florida State University
Middle School

4. Listening Respectfully

Do you mediate with people who have trouble being respectful of one another? Learn and practice some tricks for being tactful while you help them from creating even more of an issue.
Presented by Kate Taluga, School for Arts and Sciences Elementary School

5. The TRL of Resolving Conflict: "Total Request of Listening"

This session will help participants understand the importance of listening, being honest, polite, taking responsibility, and the importance of confidentiality.
Presented by Rosezetta Bobo, Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator
Middle School

**6. Mediation Roles with Critiques and Tips*
[Double Session]**

Experienced mediators will have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and receive feedback from their colleagues and experienced professional mediators
Presented by David Wolfson and Susan Marvin, 2nd Judicial Circuit Staff Florida Supreme Court Certified Family and Dependency Mediators
Middle and High School (Experienced)

Elementary school students can choose one of the following double sessions which will run 9:45 – 11:30 with a break in the middle.

1. Mediation Skills Through Puppetry

This session will allow elementary students to make puppets from children’s stories that demonstrate a conflict to resolve. After making the puppets students will perform the stories and discuss the lessons that can be learned from the stories.

Presented by John Bruno, School of Education, and FSU Mediation Club Students

2. Conflicts in Art

This session will have elementary students create individual visions of conflict and peace through art.

Presented by Kimberly Kosch and Glenda Larry, Florida Supreme Court Certified County Mediators

Registration Form

Please complete the following information and **attach a list of the students who will be attending** along with each student’s session(s) preferences. **In addition, please mark each student with an E (elementary), M (middle) or H (high) and indicate if the student attended last year’s conference.**

School Name: _____

Coordinator’s Signature: _____

Number of Students Registering:

Elementary: _____

Middle: _____

High: _____

*Return completed Registration Forms **no later than September 29** to Sharon Press:
via e-mail: pressS@flcourts.org OR
via fax: 922-9290*

Student Name

Grade Level

Workshop(s) Preference

Attended Last Year?