

PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM

The NYC Commission on Human Rights offers a Peer Mediation Training Program to middle and high schools throughout the city where students are experiencing significant conflict. Trainers from the Commission conduct a series of ten sessions at the school to train selected students to mediate disputes involving their fellow students. The Commission's approach is grounded in the principles that shape the NYC Human Rights Law. For a school's inclusion in the program, school administrators must support its goals and select a coordinator to sustain the peer mediation program after the Commission's trainings are completed.

PEER MEDIATION HAS MANY BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS.

- Resolves existing conflicts and helps prevent future disputes, including cyberbullying.
- Teaches valuable life skills such as patience, persistence, active listening and problem solving.
- Empowers students and increases self-esteem.
- Models an effective alternative to threats and violence.
- Promotes greater tolerance, empathy and understanding.
- Reduces tensions so that administrators, teachers and students can focus on education.

THE COMMISSION STRUCTURES THE PROGRAM TO MEET INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL NEEDS, FURNISHES MATERIALS, AND PROVIDES DYNAMIC INSTRUCTION AND EXERCISES.

THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED AT NO COST TO THE SCHOOL.

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