The Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution

Community Dispute Resolution Centers help create safer communities, contribute to school success, increase housing security, and improve access to justice.

2017-2019 Biennial Report
SCHOOL SUCCESS

MAKING IT RIGHT WITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Resolve Center for Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice piloted an accountability class, coined "Making It Right," for North Medford High School students during the 2018/19 academic year. The class is a promising alternative to the traditional suspension model, allowing students to be both accountable and remain in their school community. "Making It Right" supports restoring relationships, helps manage suspension rates, and prevents some cases from entering the justice system altogether.

Restorative Justice Practices is a key Oregon Department of Education strategy for strengthening school communities and raising graduation rates to 100% by 2025.

BEHAVIOR REFERRALS WAY DOWN

Since 2015, behavior referrals have been significantly reduced at Central Medford High School. Principal Amy Herbst attributes the improvement to Central Medford High School's implementation of Restorative Justice Practices in partnership with Resolve for Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

SKILLED NEIGHBORS THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Dispute Resolution Centers help community members develop lifelong skills through low or no-cost conflict resolution trainings. A recent participant at Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue remarked:

“I came to this class feeling overwhelmed and depressed and am leaving feeling I have the tools to sustain my hope. The tools are immediately helpful, and I am grateful I am on an upward bound.”

REDUCED YOUTH RECIDIVISM WITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Restorative Justice focuses on balanced support and meaningful outcomes for youth offenders, crime victims, and the community through mediation and conversation. Youth offenders are held accountable, victims are empowered, and communities are engaged both as stakeholders and as advocates.

80% of youth participants did not re-offend

A 10-year collaborative study by Resolve, Southern Oregon University, and Jackson County Juvenile Services comparing Restorative Justice Practices and traditional practices
MEDIATORS STABILIZE CRISIS

The Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program connects at-risk homeowners and lenders with facilitators to help Oregonians avoid foreclosure. A recent case:

A family with children fell behind on payments during divorce proceedings. The parent living in the home was not on the mortgage or aware of the pending foreclosure. Through the Foreclosure Avoidance Program, the parent remaining in the home had the opportunity to transfer the mortgage to their name and resume payments. The process provided time and a creative solution which stabilized housing for the family and brought the loan into good standing for the bank.

"Once parties are able to sit down across the table from another person—not a landlord or a bank, but a person—the two are able to get past the transactional relationship and focus on the human relationship.”

- Larry Safley, Common Ground Mediation

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

ELIMINATING FINANCIAL BARRIERS

Dispute Resolution Centers enable all community members to access services that are equally effective yet lower in cost than traditional legal services. Dispute Resolution Centers offer a sliding scale fee structure that reduces or waives mediation fees based on each community member’s ability to pay. In Deschutes County alone, Community Solutions of Central Oregon saved 90+ community members a minimum of $135,000 in associated legal fees for divorce, business, or parenting-related disputes.
Oregon Community Dispute Resolution Centers

**METRO, NORTH COAST, & MID-VALLEY**

**Center for Mediation & Dialogue**
Washington County
503-526-2523 | beavertonoregon.gov/cmd

**Community Mediation Services**
Polk County
503-623-3111 | vorpcms.org

**East Metro Mediation**
Multnomah County
503-618-3247 | greshamoregon.gov/East-Metro-Mediation

**Hillsboro Mediation Program**
Washington County
503-615-6651 | hillsboro-oregon.gov/mediation

**Resolutions Northwest**
Multnomah County
503-595-4890 ext 101 | resolutionsnorthwest.org

**Resolution Services**
Clackamas County
503-655-8700 | clackamas.us/ccrs

**Your Community Mediation**
Tillamook & Yamhill Counties
503-435-2835 | ycmediation.org

**NORtheast**

**Eastern Oregon Mediation Center**
Union County
541-786-0270 | eomediation.org

**MID & SOUTH COAST**

**Common Ground Mediation**
Coos & Douglas Counties
541-751-9666 (Coos)
541-530-2578 (Douglas)
commongroundmediation.org

**Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution**
Lincoln County
541-574-9846

**Southwest**

**Resolve Center for Dispute Resolution & Restorative Justice**
Jackson & Josephine Counties
541-770-2468 | resolvecenter.org

**South valley**

**Center for Dialogue & Resolution**
Lane County
541-344-5366 | lanecdr.org

**Neighbor to Neighbor**
Benton, Linn, & Marion Counties
503-585-0651 (Marion)
541-223-4189 (Benton/Linn)
n2nmediation.org

**Central & North Central**

**Community Solutions of Central Oregon**
Crook, Deschutes, & Jefferson Counties
541-383-0187 | solutionsco.org

**Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center**
Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, & Wheeler Counties
541-386-1283 | 6rivers.org

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