



Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution

AACR

A CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all Members and Guests!!



I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



I am excited about the upcoming Webinars. I understand the October 18th Webinar: **The History of Conflict Resolution Day with Sharon Press** was a fascinating and outstanding Webinar about the grass-roots of Conflict Resolution Day, the profession and where it may head in the future! Please register for these upcoming Webinars as they will be exciting, fascinating, educational, interesting and informative.

This month is our Annual Youth Conference on November 13, 2018 at the Estrella Mountain Community College. Please see our Newsletter, Facebook and Twitter (@azpeermediation) for more information as well as volunteering or helping to support the Youth Conference. This is an exciting time to help teach our youth the skills in resolving disputes through conflict resolution.

In closing, let me end by giving huge kudos out to everyone in making AACR such a large success! ACR Arizona Chapter received the "Exemplary Chapter of the Year" Award! Our chapter was given this award, because we ranked high in compliance as well as gone far beyond the ACR Requirements, *Expectations* and *Responsibilities*. Our chapter also received this award because of our extraordinary time presenting webinars, a great website, attendance to chapter meetings, contributions in the meetings, facilitating meetings, willingness to assist other chapters and so much more.



Best Wishes,
JJ

Sprouts and Estrella Mountain Community College Proud Sponsors of the 2018 Youth Conference

Our Vision

The Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution is a membership organization promoting conflict resolution choices and education in Arizona. We connect those in conflict with providers, and connect providers with high-quality professional development.

Plans for the Year

November 3, 2018—AACR General Meeting. (Cancelled)

November 6, 2018—Election Day!!

November 13, 2018—Youth Conference at Estrella Mountain College.

November 22, 2018—Thanksgiving!!

December 5, 2018—WEBINAR: TBA

December 25, 2018—Christmas Day!!

January 1, 2019—New Years Day!!

January 24, 2019—WEBINAR: Credentialing in Mediation.

February TBA, 2019—AACR Social Event at Thirsty Lion in Scottsdale.

March 21, 2019—WEBINAR: TBD

April 24, 2019—WEBINAR: TBD

May 11, 2019—AACR General Meeting

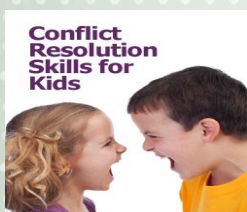
The 21st Annual 2018 AACR Youth Conference

Each year, AACR hosts the Peer Mediation Conference at no charge to the students or their program coordinators. AACR members and other interested mediators volunteer their time, talent and experience to provide a mini-training to these student mediators. Training materials are provided to all students, coordinators and trainers. The 5-hour conference begins at 8:30 am with registration and continental breakfast, followed by an opening plenary session, then small, break-out training groups mixing students from all the schools for 2 ½ hours, ending with lunch together. By 1:30P, everyone is exhausted, exhilarated and looking forward to coming next year for more.

Would you like to be a part of the conference as a volunteer trainer? We would love to have you participate. You will find it to be a rewarding experience to work with exceptional teenagers. **We thank the AZ Peer Mediation Organizing Team!!!**

AACR is looking for financial assistance yearly to continue to make this worthwhile youth program a success.

This year we proudly acknowledge our 2018 partnership sponsors of the 21st Annual Youth Conference and Diann Wilson the YC Chairperson.



Our youth
Our future
Our Leaders



Photo Courtesy of the 20th Annual AACR Youth Conference at Estrella Mountain Community College.

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NATIONAL NEWS/UPDATES

The ACR Annual Conference was held on October 3, 2018, in Pittsburgh, PA. It was a great success and the ACR Arizona Chapter was mentioned several times and given great admiration. The ACR Arizona Chapter received the "Exemplary Chapter of the Year" Award! The Award is beautiful!!!

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Arizona chapter will receive a complimentary registration to the 2019 ACR Annual Conference.



Welcome New & Renewal Members

We would like to welcome our new members to AACR. We are excited to have you as part of our membership. Membership is a lifelong journey and we look forward to helping you start yours. As a member of AACR you will enjoy many unique benefits.

For those members whom have renewed their membership, thank you for your continued support of AACR.

Please register for our upcoming Webinar on December 5, 2018, !!! CLE's are available upon request.

WHAT'S NEW IN AACR

Please join us for this fascinating Webinar on December 5, 2018 from 12:00-1:00PM (Arizona time) by registering at arizonaacr.org. Admission is Free for Organizational, Professional, Regular, Virtual, Student and senior members. Admission fee is ONLY \$10 for Basic and non-members. CLE/CEU Certificates are available for only \$10 (free for Professional members).

LODESTAR NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Lessons In Human Behavior, this event is hosted by Arizona State University, Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center on November 6th, 2018. Time is 7:00 pm -9:00 pm. Hosted at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, 111 East Taylor Street, Phoenix, AZ 84005. Held on the 5th floor, Rm. 544.

Venerable Gelong Kalsang Rinpoche, is presenting on Lessons In Human Behavior Through Conflict Resolution.

LODESTAR NOVEMBER 7, 2018

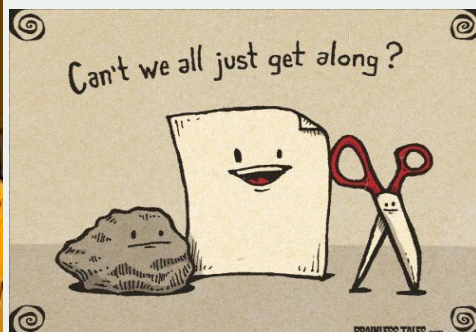
Venerable Gelong Kalsang Rinpoche, is presenting two student focused presentations, hosted by Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center on November 7th.

First event is 10:00 am - 11:45 am - Guided Meditation in Classroom 601.

Second event is Transcending Stress: Reclaiming Your Best Self at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm in C.R. 250.

All AACR members and guests have been cordially invited to attend these events hosted by Arizona State University, Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center.

Register at <https://forms.law.asu.edu/view.php?id=573186>



Mediation in Arizona

Mediation is a process where two or more people who are having a problem sit down with a mediator (an expert on problem-solving) to consider possible solutions. The mediator does NOT tell people what to do or give legal advice! The mediator helps them look at all the solutions that might work to respond to the problem and the consequences related to making a particular decision. The mediator knows how people can make the best decisions for their particular situation.

Family Mediators must be able to demonstrate a minimum two (2) years of experience as a family mediator, Family Court Judicial Officer, or Family Court Judge Pro Tempore, with a minimum of twenty (20) family cases mediated or trials held within the last five (5) years.

The family mediator must present a training certificate and training agenda or syllabus from:

(1) an approved basic 40-hour family mediation training course, which occurred within 5 years of the application period.

OR

(2) an approved 40-hour basic mediation training, an approved 20-hour advanced family mediation training, and meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 25-406 (C), which requires six initial hours of training on domestic violence; six initial hours of child abuse training; and four subsequent hours of training every two years on domestic violence and child abuse.

Currently in Arizona, there are no State requirements or guidelines for the practice of general mediation.

Volunteers Wanted!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution

**REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE
AT THE 21ST ANNUAL**

Peer Mediation Conference

Calling all experienced mediators to work with high school peer mediators in break-out sessions!

Your participation will give up to 200 youth the opportunity to learn and practice new skills and strengthen their school mediation programs.

Please email **Diann Wilson** at azpeermediation@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer for this worthwhile event.

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Registration, continental breakfast --- Volunteers pick up packets
9:00 – 9:15	Introductions and opening remarks
9:15 – 10:30	Plenary session
10:30– 12:30	Training and Break-out sessions
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch

The conference will be held at **Estrella Mountain Community College,**
3000 N Dysart Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392