

Every School in Oklahoma can Benefit from **FREE** Peer Mediation Training!

Building on the foundation of over 30 years' collaborative effort between the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Administrative Office of the Courts, **Peer Resolution for Oklahoma Students (PROS)** realizes the vision of former Justice Alma Wilson and the leadership of the Alternative Dispute Resolution System, to offer peer mediation training to *all* school districts in Oklahoma in partnership with the University of Central Oklahoma. **PROS** is funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts and hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma College of Education and Professional Studies.

PROS Mission Statement

PROS equips Oklahoma educators to implement peer mediation, collaborating in transforming students into emotionally intelligent and engaged citizens.



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SCHOOL-BASED PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS

A project of the Early Settlement Mediation program administered by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma Administrative Office of the Courts in partnership with the University of Central Oklahoma



Peer Mediation is a program that teaches strategies to young people which allows them to handle conflicts in a positive and constructive manner. With proper training and application of that training, students learn to use conflict as a positive force that can lessen the detrimental effects of conflict and increase social skills and personal image of self. The benefits of conflict resolution skills are far reaching, as they not only teach young people about peaceful resolutions of conflicts, but how to do it in a civil manner. These skills will help students in dealing with conflict at school, home, and in the communities around Oklahoma they live and do so in a peaceful manner.

In the words of the first lady on the Oklahoma Supreme Court (1982),
Honorable Justice Alma Wilson,

“If we teach Oklahoma’s young people about resolving conflicts in a peaceable manner the impact will be far reaching for future generations.”

PROS Guiding Principles

- Ease of Implementation
- Adaptability
- Memorability
- Accessibility
- Agency-Granting
- Community-Building
- Resource Rich

benefits of peer mediation

- Peer Mediation Resolves Student Conflicts
- Peer Mediation Teaches Students Essential Life Skills
- Peer Mediation Builds Students' Conflict Resolution Skills Through Real-life Practice
- Peer Mediation Motivates Students to Resolve their Conflicts Collaboratively
- Peer Mediation Deepens the Educational Impact of School
- Peer Mediation Empowers Students
- Peer Mediation Increases Self-Esteem
- Peer Mediation Gives Students Greater Insight
- Peer Mediation Expects the Best from Students
- Peer Mediation Engages All Students, Even Those Considered "At-Risk"
- Peer Mediation Creates More Time For Learning
- Peer Mediation is Preventive
- Peer Mediation Improves School Climate
- Peer Mediation Suits Both the Psycho-Social Needs of Students and the Professional Needs of Educators
- Peer Mediation Offers a "Gender-Balancing" Method of Conflict Resolution to Schools

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