

May 2022



UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

- ❖ A special “Thanks” to the efforts of two of our family mediators, Patrick and Cynthia, the CDRC recently received a generous \$5,000 grant from the Missoula Lions Club.
- ❖ The CDRC has embarked on a pilot project with Council Grove Apartments, a seventy-unit complex that serves low-income tenants. The CDRC will provide volunteers to mediate tenant to tenant conflicts. Be on the lookout for additional volunteer opportunities!
- ❖ Revised versions of our Justice Court opening statement bullets and protocols will soon be posted on our website.
- ❖ We have a Mentoring Program for mediators – please reach out to the CDRC to connect!
- ❖ Housekeeping Update: Be on the lookout for a refresher Volunteer Agreements, if we don’t have one on file, we will be reaching out to get a signed agreement. Please note, your new point of contact for volunteers is Christy VonLanken. She can be reached via email at Christy.vonlanken@outlook.com

MISSOULA GIVES

The Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC) is dedicated to supporting and strengthening the Missoula community through constructive and peaceful resolution of conflict. Our facilitation of justice court mediation, parenting plan mediation, conflict coaching, and training of mediators demonstrates the CDRC's commitment to keeping our community peaceful and productive.

On May 5th and 6th, the Missoula Community Foundation is hosting Missoula Gives, a crowdfunding campaign. We have found this to be a valuable time to educate our community on the services the CDRC provides, as well as an opportunity to raise money for mediation scholarships and the continued education of our existing mediators. We believe in providing an educated and highly capable group of mediators to Missoula and greater Montana.

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to our non-profit organization, this link will take you directly to our Missoula Gives donation page <https://www.missoulagives.org/organizations/cdrcmissoula> . We encourage you to also check out our website at <https://www.cdrcmissoula.org> .

We at the CDRC are so fortunate to have advocates like you in the community and are pleased to announce we have successfully maintained our community benefits through the recent Covid pandemic. Thank you for your continued support and please contact us with any questions regarding the fundraising event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Restorative Justice: Continuing Education May 11th, Noon
 - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83966814336?pwd=SURHekRQZ2NvS216Y3pTd3BvMkszUT09>
 - This continuing education session will provide an overview of restorative justice (RJ) as both a philosophy and a set of associated practices. We will discuss how RJ aligns with and diverges from facilitative mediation.
- ❖ Family Mediation *Thursday, May 26th and Friday, May 27th, 2022*
Conference Room of the Solstice Building, 1535 Liberty Lane, Missoula, MT.
 - Family Mediation training will include: types of mediation, domestic violence screening and the intake process, steps of Facilitative Mediation, crafting opening statements, family law basics, ethics considerations, distributing assets, developmental stages of children, discussion with the standing masters, and of course lots of hands on practice working role-plays with family fact patters and discussion!
- ❖ Volunteer Appreciation Event: COMING SOON, DATE TBD

WELCOME, NEW CLASS OF GRADUATES!

- ❖ Martha Amrine; Violet Bolstridge; Molly Davis; Kali Dimmitt-Griffin; Jacob Elder; Victoria Gannon; Lucas Horacek; Rakaia Keef-Oates; Bre Koffman; Derek Larsen; Hannah Marx; Cody Meyer; Jen Molloy; Brooke Reynolds; Kai Thorsgard; Athena Waschke; Patrick Wayne; Dylan Wright; Rachel Wandershied