



PROJECT PEACE

Middle School Training

AGENDA

July 27-28, 2004
Fatima Retreat House
Indianapolis, IN

Sponsored by:
Indiana Department of Education
Attorney General's Office
and the
Indiana State Bar Association

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ANNOTATED AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** **School Registration**
- 10:00 a.m.** **Welcome to Project PEACE**
Welcome from the Indiana Department of Education,
Gaylon Nettles, Student Services Director and Indiana State
Bar Association Executive Director, Thomas Pyrz.
- 10:15 a.m.** **Overview of Conference**
Presentations of Team Flags & Team Members
— Presenter: David Trevaskis
All trainers and facilitators will be introduced during the
conference overview and the goals of the conference will
be reviewed. In addition, the role of each participant —
trainers, attorneys, parents, educators and administrators —
will be reviewed. Prior to the conference, each school was
asked to create a team flag that represents how conflict is
viewed at its school. The opening exercise will involve the
presentation of those team flags by a member of each team.
Each team’s presenter should introduce his/her flag and
team to the entire group.
- 11:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:30 a.m.** **From Coconut Chaos to Thumb Wrestling: New Ways
of Looking at Conflict**
— Presenters: David Trevaskis; Karla Taylor-Temple; and
Artemus Carter
This session will begin with the “Coconut Chaos” exercise,
which will highlight the importance of finding out what
parties in a dispute really want. In the scenario, two people
claim the same coconut. The large group will be polled
about ways to solve the problem of one coconut and two
claimants. Using a variation on an exercise known as the
“Eight ‘Ates,’” the group will explore the different ways
the problem can be resolved (negotiate, arbitrate,
adjudicate) before deciding to mediate the claim. The
exercise will show how a dispute over one coconut can be
mediated by two claimants.

Using the steps of the Community Board Middle School Mediation Model, the group will follow the coconut scenario from a mock trial through a mock mediation. This will be an introduction to the scripted mediation process that the teams later will use in the training and at each school. Mediation will be compared with adjudication. As a follow-up, the large group will be asked to form pairs and compete in thumb wrestling.

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Mock Mediation in Action: Student Demonstration

— Introduction by David Trevaskis

Students and adults from a past Project PEACE school will showcase their program for conference participants and answer questions.

2:00 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m.

Roles of the Attorney Partner & Parent

— Presenter: Jerry Pitt

Participants will gain a better understanding of the roles of the attorney partner and parent in Project PEACE.

2:30 p.m.

The Skills of Conflict Resolution

— Presenters: David Trevaskis; Karla Taylor-Temple; and Artemus Carter

The large group will be divided into the first non-school district team groupings of the conference: administrators/educators/parents; and attorneys. The separate groups will work together on the skills of conflict resolution. By working with peers, conference participants will get a chance to compare notes on their individual missions as supporting members of their school teams. Built into this session is time for questions about each group's role and function.

Evaluations will be distributed at the end of the breakout sessions. All participants are asked to complete the evaluations to return them to IDOE staff members by Wednesday morning.

4:15 p.m.

Team Planning Time

Use this time to work on your mediation plans and get ready for dinner.

6:30 p.m.

Reception

— Team photographs will be taken during the reception with the ISBA President and IDOE and Attorney General representatives.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Project PEACE Celebration Dinner

** Following the dinner, trainers will be available to answer any questions your team may have regarding Project PEACE and your school's mediation plan.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Mindwalk with the Newspaper

— Presenters: David Trevaskis; Karla Taylor-Temple; and Artemus Carter

The day will begin in a large group session with the conflict mindwalk through the newspaper exercise.

8:30 a.m.

Mediation Showcase

— Presenters: David Trevaskis; Karla Taylor-Temple; and Artemus Carter

The mediation showcase model will be shared at this time, and pairs will be formed to review school conflicts. These pairs will be “paired up” to make groups of four for the showcase activity. Each new group will be given a conflict scene from a school setting (“Bob and Li - Sharing a Locker With a Slob”). The group first will be asked to handle the situation as an adjudication (Bob and Li are taken by the teacher to the principal). The group then will be asked to handle it as a mediation, using the script presented earlier by the trainers.

This session will explore other mediation processes and discuss the importance of using an evolving script for the student mediators.

The school teams will be reformed and the session will end with a brain writing exercise, which will give participants an opportunity to have questions about Project PEACE answered.

