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Volunteers Sought For Harford County Community Mediation Training Beginning in July; Application Deadline June 1

BEL AIR, Md., (May 2, 2018) - Promoting peaceful alternatives for resolving conflict, the Harford County Community Mediation Program is accepting applications now through Friday, June 1 for volunteer community mediators to begin weekend trainings in July. Space is limited in this popular program and volunteers are chosen for training following a competitive selection process. Successful applicants must commit to 50 hours of training and apprenticeship, plus 100 hours of community mediation and/or related volunteer work within a calendar year, averaging two mediations per month. Once this commitment is met, the volunteer will receive a Certificate of Training.


Mediation training is experiential and each new session builds upon the prior session's learning. Trainees may not miss any portion of the eight, daylong sessions scheduled from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Saturday, July 14
- Sunday, July 15
- Saturday, July 21
- Sunday, July 22
- Saturday, July 28
- Sunday, July 29

More information and applications are available at www.harfordmediation.org.

The Harford County Community Mediation Program (HCCMP) is offered through the county Department of Community Services' Office of Human Relations and Mediation and can be a free alternative to court for resolving certain conflicts. Requests for mediation through HCCMP may come from anyone in the community including individual citizens, schools, outreach groups, and the Office of the State's Attorney. Mediation takes place in a neutral setting where participants can express their thoughts and emotions without fear of judgment. The mediation process encourages participants to develop their own solutions leading to results that tend to be more personalized, effective, and enduring.

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