

Maryland Peace Builders Mark Conflict Resolution Month

October is the time when conflict resolution practitioners, volunteers, government officials, community mediation centers, and other organizations shine the light on peaceful means for conflict resolution. Following is a listing of some of the activities happening around the state.

Mid Shore Community Mediation Center ([MSCMC](#)) held a concert at Groove City Music Studio in Cambridge on October 13. The concert featured the band *Ripple* which includes volunteer mediator, Paul Harrison.

Baltimore Community Mediation Center ([BCMC](#)) will be setting up space at 6622 Harford Road in the Waverly neighborhood from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and at the Nile Style Barbershop from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm on October 18. A team of volunteers and staff will hand out information about peaceful conflict resolution and answer questions about mediation services.

Community Mediation Upper Shore ([CMUS](#)) will be on the Courtyard at the Cecil County Circuit Court at 129 East Main Street in Elkton from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on October 18 to offer information about their services, volunteer opportunities and techniques to handle conflict.

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center ([MCRC](#)) is partnering with Columbia Mall to set up space in two locations in the Mall where Center staff and volunteers will provide information about their services from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm on October 18.

Community Mediation Center of Calvert County ([CMCC](#)) will announce its 2018 Peace Builder Award winner at their annual Conflict Resolution Day Luncheon to be held on October 19 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Phillips House in Prince Frederick.

Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's County ([CMSMC](#)) will participate in *Trick-or-Treat* on the Square to be held at the



Conflict Resolution Day (CRD) is celebrated this year on Thursday, October 18th. The idea was conceived in 2005 by the Association for Conflict Resolution to:

- Promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other creative, peaceful means of resolving conflict;
- Promote the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system;
- Recognize the significant contributions of (peaceful) conflict resolvers;
- Obtain national synergy by having celebrations happen across the country and around the world on the same day.

For more information, [click here](#).

Leonardtown Town Square on October 20 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. Additionally, the Center will exhibit at the 52nd Annual Oyster Festival in Leonardtown on October 21 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Charles County Community Mediation Center ([CCCMC](#)) will host an on campus “Listening Station” on October 23 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Students are offered the chance to be heard without judgement and to learn about all of the Center’s free services.

Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center ([AACRC](#)) to host Anne Arundel County Panhellenic Organizations, 100 Black Men, Jack & Jill of America, and other community partners at their Conflict Resolution Mixer at Georgetown East Elementary Center on October 24.

The **District Court of Maryland Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office** will provide Conflict Resolution Awareness Workshops for District Court employees in Baltimore City, Centreville, Elliott City, Frederick, Hagerstown, Princess Anne, and Westminster courthouses throughout October and November.

On October 15, the ADR Office will partner with the Harford County Community Mediation Program to present information to county employees at the Wage Connection Event.

The District Court ADR Office will also host public tabling events with information about mediation and other forms of ADR available for civil cases in the District Court. These tabling events will provide an opportunity for the public to get questions answered about available services and peaceful conflict resolution opportunities in their community. The tabling events will be held:

- October 18, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Westminster Library, 50 East Main Street with the Carroll County Community Mediation Center;
- October 29, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Kent County Public Library in Chestertown with Community Mediation Upper Shore; and
- November 29, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Denton Library, 100 Market Street with the Mid Shore Community Mediation Center.

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY
OCTOBER 18, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is recognized as a national leader in advancing the appropriate use of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes in courts, communities, schools, state and local government agencies, criminal and juvenile justice programs, family services, and businesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland strives to make alternative dispute resolution processes available to its citizens through state agencies, courts, community mediation centers and schools. Mediation empowers people in conflict to develop solutions that are tailored to suit their particular needs. Community mediation centers are easily accessible throughout Maryland to assist residents in resolving neighborhood conflicts and thereby strengthen their communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) works to increase public awareness and promote the appropriate use of conflict resolution services in every area of society, and assists many government agencies' conflict resolution efforts; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland government agencies use alternative dispute resolution processes including mediation, settlement conferences, community conferencing, collaborative problem solving and collaborative planning to enhance responsive and participatory governance. Mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution are of great value and importance, and contribute to creating a more civil and peaceful society for the citizens of Maryland.*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 18, 2018 as CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 18th day of October
Two Thousand and eighteen

Lawrence J. Hogan
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State