

New Program Offers Free Conflict Coaching For Teachers

Mediate BC is launching a service to support teachers in difficult interactions with parents and guardians

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Just in time for school reopening Mediate BC launches Conflict Coaching for Teachers on September 8, 2020.

Teachers are on the frontlines of dealing with families' stress and anxiety over the safety and future of children. Mediate BC Roster Mediators are offering free conflict coaching to BC K-12 teachers who are finding themselves having difficult conversations with parents. Through conflict coaching, Conflict Resolution Professionals support teachers to prepare for those conversations and prevent conflicts.

What is Conflict Coaching?

- Confidential one-on-one support from a conflict resolution professional
- Focused on managing current conflicts or preventing future conflicts
- Increases confidence and skills to engage on hard topics
- Creates personalized strategies to de-escalate specific conflicts
- Focuses on skills and issues that are important to you
- Lessens the psychological impacts of conflict

Mediate BC Roster Mediators are volunteering their time to support teachers across BC. Teachers come to Conflict Coaching with a lot of strong conflict resolution skills honed in the classroom. Conflict Coaching can support them to quickly adapt those skills to the changing environment and support families by de-escalating conflicts to get to the heart of what parents and students need right now.

Conflict Coaching for Teachers builds on Mediate BC's experience in helping with Covid-19 related conflicts through its [Quarantine Conflict Resolution Program](#). That program continues to provide low cost support for conflicts that are caused by or worsened as a result of Covid-19, including co-parenting, workplace, and housing disputes.

Conflict Coaching for Teachers

<https://www.mediatebc.com/resolving-other-disputes/for-teachers>

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“We know stress, fear and anxiety lead to increased conflict. We’ve seen it within families over the last six months and are preparing for that pattern to continue as schools reopen.”

- Amanda Semenoff, Program Manager Quarantine Conflict Resolution Service, Mediate BC

“In tough times we all need to know there is somebody in our corner, ready and willing to help us along the way and that’s why I am here. The key is to support teachers and help them unlock what they already know in order to de-escalate and prevent conflict in stressful communications about school during COVID-19.”

- Maria Silva, Family Mediator, Burnaby Mediation Centre

Mediate BC is a not-for-profit organization that protects the public by managing rosters of mediators and med-arb practitioners who have met rigorous training and experience qualifications. Mediate BC also educates the public by raising awareness of mediation and other dispute resolution processes with funding from the Law Foundation of BC.

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