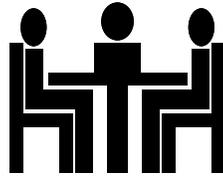


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Program Philosophy

SLV-VORP brings young offenders, victims and the community together to search for reconciliation and solutions to “make things right.” We also serve 1) Schools & after-school sites—facilitation, training and systems development around conflict resolution, peer mediation, restorative discipline and bullying prevention; 2) Families—Parent-Teen Mediation.

School Climate Symposium Planned

As we begin our third year of the Bullying Prevention Initiative, sponsored by the Colorado Trust, VORP will partner with local school districts and community organizations to present a two-day School Climate Symposium. Tentatively planned for September, the symposium will invite superintendents, board members, and other key administrators from the Valley’s fourteen districts to consider lasting solutions for social climate change.

Featuring workshops and keynote presentations by regional experts, as well as a panel discussion and information about community resources, topics will include bullying prevention, threat assessment and violence prevention, sexual and gender identity issues, dating violence and sexual assault, racial/ethnic discrimination and intimidation, immigrant integration, and assessment models.

The goal of the Symposium will be to help school districts and other community institutions increase their readiness, competency, and access

to best practices, and to successfully navigate key challenge areas in school climate, safety and inclusion. Community resources and service providers, such as VORP, are often called to do one-time presentations and incident-specific interventions in area schools. These sporadic involvements must be supported by district-wide efforts toward broader systemic change. Such long-term change can only take place through sustained collaborative efforts.

Parent-Teen Conflicts?

With school out and summer upon us, don’t forget that VORP offers free Parent-Teen Mediation services to families experiencing the normal range of adolescent conflict. Referrals are accepted from youth- and family-serving agencies. Families may also inquire directly about these services to our Parent-Teen Coordinator, Renée Mackey, at (719) 589-5255.

VORP Honored with El Pomar Award for Excellence

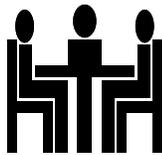
In November, members of our staff and Board traveled to Colorado Springs for a banquet and awards presentation hosted by the El Pomar Foundation. VORP was honored with a prestigious Award for Excellence, which carried with it a \$15,000 grant. Awards for Excellence is a program established in 1989 by the El Pomar Foundation to “recognize and reward nonprofit Colorado organizations, businesses, and individuals who serve their communities with distinction.”

Interested in volunteering for VORP? Want
to learn valuable communication skills?
Core Training: June 22 and 23
Victim-Offender Dialogue: June 27
Parent-Teen Mediation: June 28

Mediation Trainings

Please see enclosed registration form for
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