

Dispute Resolution Services for Youth and Families

1 What are the Community Dispute Resolution Centers?

Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRC's) are operated by not-for-profit organizations with primary funding provided by the New York State Unified Court System. There is a CDRC program in every county of New York State. The CDRC's provide alternative dispute resolution services to individuals, families, organizations and communities. Services are provided without cost to the participants.

2 Types of Services for Youth and Families

- Parent/Teen Mediation
 - Parent/Teen Mediation seeks to resolve intra-family conflict and challenges between parents/guardians and adolescents.
- Peer Mediation
 - The goal of peer mediation is to train and empower students to resolve interpersonal conflicts without violence and bullying. Peer Mediation provides outlets for students to resolve everyday conflicts constructively and build a more inclusive culture.
- Restorative Practices
 - Restorative justice is a cooperative and voluntary process that involves everyone affected by a crime or incident: person(s) responsible, person(s) harmed, family members, and the greater community. This process focuses on repairing the harms caused and the needs of everyone involved.

3 Types of Cases that Might Benefit from CDRC services

- Pre-PINS and PINS Diversion
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Alternative to suspension
- Anger management education
- Bullying prevention
- School Reintegration
- Truancy
- Adjustment
- Reentry from Placement
- Community Accountability and Restitution Programs

4 For More Information

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