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**Type of Organization:** 501(c)(3) Non-profit corporation

**Mission:**

The Conflict Center's mission is to reduce levels of physical, verbal and emotional violence by teaching and applying skills to help people in diverse communities manage everyday conflicts nonviolently.

**History:**

The Conflict Center (TCC) began in 1987 with the vision of Elizabeth Loescher who started TCC out of her basement. Ms. Loescher was a classroom teacher who found that a significant portion of her time was being spent refereeing her students' disagreements and conflicts. Because this detracted from her time as an educator, she decided to develop a curriculum that teaches young people the skills they need to manage of their own conflicts in the classroom or on the playground. The curriculum she devised is called *Peacemaking Made Practical* and was originally designed for elementary school students. It now has been adapted for middle and high school students. This school-based curriculum has been proven effective based on empirical data and forms the basis for The Conflict Center's 3-phase school curriculum.

**Programs:**

**School Program:** This program aims to educate students, school staff and parents in conflict and anger management and includes assessment, skill building, and leadership development. The School Program provides: ***Professional Development for Teachers, Reading for Peace, Playground Conflict Managers, Peace Days, Social Norming, and Restorative Justice Circles.***

**Youth at Risk Program:** This program targets youth identified by juvenile courts and schools due to high-risk behaviors and provides them with skills to reduce physical, verbal and emotional violence. The program is offered in either a 6 or an 8 week series on ***Critical Decision Making and Emotional Intelligence Skills*** and includes parents in 3 of the 6 sessions and 4 of the 8 sessions.

**Adult Program:** Designed for men and women over the age of 18, this series provides the skills necessary to recognize and manage anger before it escalates to a destructive level. It also teaches the skills necessary to recognize conflict, and to manage it in a way that builds and strengthens relationships rather than having conflict tear relationships down.

**Training for Business and Organizations:** These programs aim to work with a broad group of diverse organizations, offering ***Conflict and Anger Management in the Workplace, Intergenerational Conflict, Restorative Justice, Leadership & Team Building and Effective Communication.***

**Facts:**

- During 2010 TCC had 10,332 hours of time contributed by 167 volunteers
- In 2010 TCC's volunteers, interns and board members contributed the equivalent of \$215,422.00
- More than 50% of TCC services are provided to low income individuals, families and communities.
- More than 70% of TCC services go to minority populations.
- During 2010 TCC served more than 100 organizations.
- 87% of youth who start a TCC series successfully complete our classes.
- 88% of students who said they never consider the consequences moved toward sometimes, often or always considering the consequences of their decisions after taking our class.
- 84% who felt like they had to fight when mad now believe they can deal with issues without getting physical.
- 70% of youth who took our class now believe they can get someone to stop teasing them without hitting them.
- 64% of students who took our classes now believe they can talk someone out of trying to fight with them.