

Mission Statement

Creative Response to Conflict is a global organization that educates individuals and groups to create a just and peaceful world by transforming conflict into growthful experiences.

CRC History

Creative Response to Families and Conflict (CRFC) is a program of Creative Response to Conflict (CRC). A leader in the field of conflict resolution, CRC was created in 1972 by the New York Quaker Project on Community Conflict, the organization developed a practical and theoretical framework for teaching nonviolence through character and social skills development.

CRC Principles

Sharing in a Circle - By working in a circle, CRC achieves it's goal which is to enhance human potential by looking for the best in one another. Facing each other we respectfully bring out the positive qualities intrinsic to each person involved.

Respect the Individual - Each person in the relationship has the opportunity to have their feelings heard and needs met.

Fair-Fair - Our mediators help create fair solutions for all individuals involved.

Voluntary Participation - The process of mediation is voluntary. At any point, if one individual feels the process is not working for them, they can discontinue mediation.

Confidentiality - Everyone in mediation, the couple and mediator(s) agree to confidentiality. CRFC adheres to the Models of Standards Practice*. The models can be found at: www.nyscdm.org.

Conflict Resolution Concepts - There are many ways to resolve conflicts and create alternative solutions.

*The Models of Standards Practice are utilized within the limits of the law as outlined in the agreement.

Rodney Wells

Divorce Mediator. Rod Wells has been mediating since 1982 and has attained Advance Practitioner status with the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR). He is president of and Accredited by the New York State Council on Divorce Mediation. In addition to mediating, Rod holds the Certified Financial Planner® designation and teaches couples and parenting classes with his wife, Sandy.

Priscilla Prutzman

Co-Founder, Executive Director of CRC As a licensed teacher, Priscilla has a 35 year history of bringing conflict resolution skills and teaching diversity issues to students. Her work for CRC has reached millions of children, non-profits, organizations, faith-based institutions and universities worldwide. She is on the Standards Committee of the Education section of the Association of Conflict Resolution (ACR) and is currently on a Fulbright roster for Peace Education and Conflict Resolution.

Shelli Kanet

Mediator / Management Consultant Shelli holds a MA, MEd from Columbia University in Psychology. She coaches and counsels individuals, families and organizations in transition. She supports them in developing creative strategies with their personal and professional lives. Shelli has experience at Community Mediation Centers, Private Practice, Non-Profit and Fortune 500 Corporations. She presented workshops for parents involved in custody disputes, mediated divorces, counseled individuals dealing with grief following September 11, and coached individuals for successful outcomes after their job loss.

Edna Adler

Mediator Edna is a certified Community and Family Court Mediator and has taught Conflict Resolution for approximately 20 years to diverse populations in educational settings throughout the country. Edna was trained in Family Court Mediation (Child Abuse/Neglect & Divorce) through the New Mexico Supreme Court, and Divorce Mediation through Common Ground in Santa Fe (NM Bar Association-certified). She also completed a year - long Bodhisattva Peace Training in New Mexico, a Buddhist-based program focused on providing tools for working with anger and difficult emotions to those in the social justice movement and helping professions.

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**Creative Response
to Families and Conflict**

How do couples and families come together?

They can come together through mediation. Mediation is a process where a trained mediator fairly intervenes on the behalf of both people or parties involved to fairly bring about reconciliation, compromise or settlement. Mediation is a short-term process, which more often than not, leads to improved relations; healthier family dynamics and new skills for managing roles and responsibilities.

About Creative Response to Families and Conflict (CRFC)

CRFC created CRFC because couples and children need to feel positive about their situation when they begin to transition into separation or divorce. Unlike lawyers, who are sometimes adversarial, mediators bring about peaceful change in family dynamics. CRFC is located in the tranquil retreat center of Shadowcliff in Nyack, New York. At Shadowcliff, CRFC offers a safe space for mediation. Confrontation, argument, strong emotion and discussion of uncomfortable subject matter. We offer several programs to help both individuals come back together peacefully, separate or divorce peacefully and/ or help the children in the family find their voice and heal during transition as well.

CRFC Programs: Couples Mediation, Divorce Mediation, Parenting through Separation and Divorce, Career Counseling and Financial Workshops.

Couples Mediation A couple will identify areas of conflict within their relationship. Then, with guidance of a mediator, the couple will discover cooperative and respectful ways to communicate to build a stronger and healthier relationship.

Separation and Divorce Mediation This is a collaborative process meant to meet the needs of both individuals. Mediator and couple develop equitable distribution of assets, spousal support and negotiate other relevant aspects of their divorce. If children are part of the relationship, the mediator will help the couple create a parenting plan and plan for child support. The result of a CRFC divorce mediation - an agreement which allows all involved to move forward into a peaceful and cooperative future.

Parenting and Marital Conflict Workshops

Just like parents, mediators realize the parent and child bond is stressed during separation or divorce. This program assists parents by helping reduce the tensions when family dynamics change. Parents will learn how children respond to family breakups according to their child's age; how to respond positively to separation; and how to create environments where their children feel safe and loved.

Children's Program When parents participate in CRFC mediation programs, we encourage them to bring their children. CRFC provides age appropriate educational and fun experience for children who need to deal positively to their parents marital conflict, separation and/or divorce. CRFC will also host workshops where groups of children and young people going through similar experiences can participate in skill-building activities to help them better express their needs; feel less lonely and feel a sense of positive discovery in this new chapter of their life.

Career Counseling When a couple is planning separation or divorce, one person may need to re-enter the workforce, or a parent may feel they want a job that will provide more balance between work and home life/ CRFC Career Counseling is focused on the needs of the individual and their family structure: assessing skills, motivational patterns, and values. This may include an exploration of educational counseling to develop additional skills and target jobs in new industries.



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