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*Bringing people together to talk,
negotiate and
resolve conflict creatively.*

12th Annual Under the Mediation Moon

Celebrating 40 Years of Mediation in Hawaii!

It was truly a celebration of mediation and MCP's 40-Year Anniversary. From opening remarks by Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, to the amazing honorees who helped to grow MCP and mediation in Hawaii, a spectacular performance by Na Hoku Hanohano award winner, Henry Kapono, and ending with dancing under the moon and stars to the rhythm of Asian Blend, it was a night to remember. Mahalo to all of MCP's supporters, mediators and friends who helped to make the evening a success!



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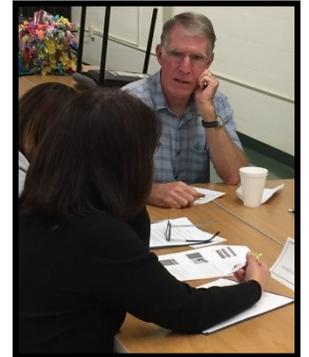
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On Sunday, January 20th, MCP collaborated with the Center for ADR and the Judiciary History Center to teach 35 Girl Scouts negotiation, conflict resolution and mediation skills. The enthusiastic Scouts were rewarded with a Mediation Badge for their efforts.



In February, MCP staff and mediators were excited to have the opportunity to conduct three trainings to teach informal mediation skills to 72 Vice-Principals with the Honolulu School District. The trainings were the second in a series that were initiated in November of 2018 to develop a culture of creative problem solving within the District.



To ensure quality services are provided and mediators remain current with mediation skills and policies, workshops and Brown Bag Gatherings are held throughout the year. On February 8th, Judge Michael Tanigawa provided an overview of the TRO process and tips for mediating these challenging cases. MCP mediators conduct TRO mediations at District Court and at MCP.



On February 13th, Marci Lopes, Deputy Director of the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC), provided a 2-hour session on domestic violence (DV) for 17 mediators. With a growing number of domestic cases mediated at MCP, many with Temporary Restraining Orders in place or a past history of DV, it is important for staff and mediators to understand DV and the red flags that indicate when mediation is not appropriate. MCP is working with DVAC to strengthen MCP policies and protocols for ensuring the safety of clients and mediators.



On Saturday, March 30th, Judge Mei Nakamoto conducted a one-day Advanced Divorce Mediation Training for 17 mediators. Topics included relocation strategies, military divorce and divorce mediation challenges. The experienced mediators who participated in the session engaged in lively discussions and shared best practices for future mediations.



On January 17th, the MCP staff engaged in a lively one-day retreat. Through a variety of activities and discussion, they agreed on a vision and team values to promote a positive working environment and the success of the organization. MCP is fortunate to have an outstanding team dedicated to the mission and the people it serves.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Basic Mediation Training *

Thursday May 16 & Friday May 17, 2019 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
and Saturday May 18, 2019 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Kukui Childrens Center Room 103

Learn the nuts and bolts of mediating conflicts of all types.

Mediation Skills for Managers Training *

Friday October 4, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Community Room

Managers learn an 8-step informal mediation process to empower employees to resolve their own disputes.

Advanced Mediation Training *

Thursday November 7 and Friday November 8, 2019 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.
Saturday November 9, 2018 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Kukui Childrens Center Room 103

Build on basic mediation skills and learn how to modify the process to work with attorneys, challenging personalities, multiple participants, cultural differences and more.

Annual Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Gathering A Special Celebration of MCP Volunteers & Supporters Over 40 Years!

Friday December 13, 2019 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Café Julia at YWCA - 1040 Richards Street

Please join us to celebrate 40 years of mediation and honor MCP's mediators and supporters who have helped MCP to become a critical community resource in Hawaii.



1st group of volunteer mediators in 1979

Go to www.mediatehawaii.org to register for trainings or contact mcpadmin@mediatehawaii.org for additional information

*** Seating in trainings is limited. Early registration is encouraged.**