



The Mediation Center  
Finding common ground.

Thank you for your interest in being a Volunteer Community Mediator. Volunteer mediators help people in our community move through difficult and stressful conflict by having productive conversations that put relationships first. Each year, Volunteer Community Mediators facilitate conversations between hundreds of people in our community. When conflict is resolved peacefully, we all have a safer and more peaceful community.

Currently recruiting volunteer mediators in: Henderson and Transylvania Counties

The initial process of becoming a volunteer mediator is selective and includes:

- Submit a completed application to [coreyh@mediatewnc.org](mailto:coreyh@mediatewnc.org)
- Participate in an interview with the program manager prior to training if your application is accepted

If selected:

- Successfully complete a 32 hour Community Mediation Training
- Complete a 4 hour Volunteer Orientation Session
- Attend quarterly in-service training
- Commit to volunteer as a mediator at least twice a month for 2 years.

We are dedicated to increasing the diversity of our volunteer mediator pool. Based on the current make-up of our mediator roster, we give priority to the following groups:

- People of color
- Young adults (under 45), minimum age is 18.
- Low-income residents
- Members of the LGBT community
- People without a college degree
- Those who live in public or section-8 housing
- People who are formerly incarcerated
- People who are from rural areas of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania and Polk Counties
- Those who are fluent in both English and Spanish

There are no educational or professional requirements to become a mediator. While we do a criminal background check on accepted volunteers, having a prior conviction does not automatically exclude you from volunteering and may be a helpful perspective.

We invite you review the Frequently Asked Questions about our Community Mediation Training on our website at <http://mediatewnc.org/community-mediation-training-faq/>.