



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 process of becoming a volunteer mediator is selective and includes:

- Attending all four days of Community Mediation Training
 - **Dates:** April 14th, 15th, 21st, & 22nd 2018
 - **Location:** Hendersonville, NC
- Submitting a completed application to coreyh@mediatewnc.org by March 14th, 2018
- Participating in an interview with the program manager prior to training if your application is accepted
 - Date: Interviews will be held the week of March 19th, 2018

If selected:

- Successfully completing a 32 hour Community Mediation Training
- Completing a 4 hour Volunteer Orientation Session
- Attendance at quarterly in-service training
- A commitment 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/>.