Our mission is to empower Philadelphia community residents to creatively search for meaningful and lasting solutions to their conflicts without resorting to crime or violence.
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Individuals Served

5793  Participated in pre-hearing conferences
1278  Participated in training & outreach programs
477   Participated in juvenile justice programs
456   Utilized mediation services

8004 Total served during this fiscal year

Use of Funds

92.8%

Program services
Management and general operating
Fundraising

Sources of Funds

53.3%

Government contracts
Foundation support, fundraising, and contributions
Program services and training
Contributed services
Interest and gain on investments
Services Offered

Mediation

**Community Mediation** — People who are involved in interpersonal disputes with friends, neighbors, co-workers, landlords/tenants, and other community members have the opportunity to resolve situations with the aid of our trained, objective, and neutral mediators.

**Family Passages Initiatives** — Provides mediation services to families in transition, such as:
- Divorce and Child Custody
- Parent and Youth Conflicts
- Dispute Services for Families with Aging Relatives

**Conflict Coaching** — Parties who are experiencing conflict can benefit from working one-on-one with a conflict coach who assists them in developing a plan of action on how they will manage their conflict situation, when the other party is unwilling or unavailable to participate in mediation.

Pre-Hearing Conference Facilitation at Dependency Court
GSMP provides mediators to facilitate pre-hearing conferences in cases involving allegations of child abuse and neglect for the Philadelphia Family Court Dependency Unit.

Training and Consulting Services
GSMP provides a myriad of training and consulting services.

Restorative Practices
When harm has been done, restorative practices offer pathways to healing by responding to the needs of all of the stakeholders — those who have been harmed, those who caused the harm, those who are closest to each side, and members of the community at large. Services offered by GSMP include:
- Community Group Conferencing
- Restorative Circles
- Victim-Offender Conferencing
- Family Group Decision Making

Youth Services
GSMP supports youth in conflict resolution, emotional management, and decision making through a variety of programs, services and workshops including:
- Juvenile Offender Diversion Program (JODP)
- Effects of Retail Theft Module
- Responsible Use of Social Media
- Youth Delinquency and Violence Prevention Program
Juvenile Offender Diversion Program (JODP)

Good Shepherd Mediation Program is committed to reducing youth violence and youth incarceration in Philadelphia through our conflict resolution workshop for young offenders on Saturdays.

**JODP Trainers:**

Mai Spann-Wilson MSW

Ken Peeples MSW

Zane Johnson Esq.

**JODP Participants’ Feedback:**

“I learned that it doesn’t make me less of a man to walk away from a conflict.”

“They taught me that conflict happens in life — I have to deal with it.”

“I had an anger problem before the class started, but the techniques that I got out of the class helped me learn not to react as quickly to the things that trigger me and to slow things down when I am in conflict.”

“I got to listen to peoples’ stories and share my story which helped me see how … I could have done things differently. This helped me see that I can walk away from a conflict.”

“My favorite part was understanding there are people who want better for you.”

“I learned that violence isn’t the answer to everything and there are many more ways to solve a problem.”

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**2017 Shepherds of Peace Awards**

Each October, in conjunction with Conflict Resolution Day, Good Shepherd Mediation Program names individuals who have been instrumental in encouraging peace and social justice in Philadelphia, and honors them as “Shepherds of Peace.” Below are the 2017 honorees, left to right:

**Movita Johnson-Harrell and Yancy Harrell**
Grassroots organizers working to prevent gun violence. The Harrells founded the CHARLES Foundation in memory of their son who was killed in a case of mistaken identity.

**Sr. Kathleen Coll, SSJ**
Executive Director of Dawn’s Place, a program that works to improve the lives of foreign-born and American women who have been victimized by commercial sexual exploitation.

**Susan L. Brooks, Esq.**
Associate Dean for Experiential Learning & Professor of Law at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University. Pioneer in the field of therapeutic jurisprudence.
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