



Center for Conflict Resolution Victim-Offender Mediation Program

Juvenile Preparation Sheet

In order to prepare for your mediation session, please think about the following questions*:

- 1) Describe the incident that brought you to mediation.
- 2) What role did you play in the incident?
- 3) How did the incident affect you?
- 4) How did the incident affect your family?
- 5) How does the incident affect your community?
- 6) What were you thinking during the incident?
- 7) How do you feel about it now?
- 8) What were some of the consequences of this incident? What harm occurred?
- 9) What do you think needs to happen to repair any harm done?
- 10) What can YOU do to repair the harm?
- 11) Is there anything else that you'd like the victim to know about you or about the incident?

The goal of the mediation process is to provide an opportunity for reflection, dialogue, and resolution between the parties involved in the incident that brought us here today. Any resolution that may be reached will outline steps that you will take to repair any harm resulting from the incident. Each agreement is unique and based on the input of victims and offenders. This allows YOU to have input in the terms of the agreement, and your input is very important. Please share any ideas that you have for resolving the situation during the mediation.

*Much of the framework for this preparation sheet and many of the questions were developed by The Neighborhood Restorative Justice Conferencing Project.



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Victim Preparation Sheet

In order to prepare for your mediation session, please think about the following questions*:

- 1) What was the incident that brought you to mediation?
- 2) How did the incident affect you?
- 3) How did the incident affect your family?
- 4) How do incidents like the one that brought you to mediation affect the quality of life in your community?
- 5) How did you feel when the incident happened?
- 6) How do you feel now?
- 7) What do you think needs to happen in order to repair any harm done?
- 8) What would make you feel as if the problem had been resolved?
- 9) Is there anything else that you would like the juvenile who was involved in the incident to know?

The goal of the mediation process is to provide an opportunity for reflection, dialogue, and resolution between the parties involved in the incident that brought us here today. Any resolution that may be reached will outline steps that will be taken by the juvenile to repair any harm resulting from the incident. Each agreement is unique and based on the input of victims and offenders. Victim input is extremely important in this process, and this face-to-face approach helps teach young people that they are accountable for their actions. If you are planning to request financial restitution, please bring any documents that might be important in determining the amount to be paid. If you feel that community service might be valuable, please feel free to suggest places or activities that are important to you. Any other reasonable and practical solutions are also welcome.

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