

## TAP NEWS

### November Reminders

- Mediators, if you have not yet RSVPed to your Site Coordinator for your upcoming Summit, please do so as soon as possible.
- Reminder: log 20 mediations by the start of December to earn a Hot Cocoa Bar for your school's mediators! See below for the new online Mediation Form.
- You can email TAP photos and stories to [engagement@isjl.org](mailto:engagement@isjl.org) to be included in next month's newsletter.



## TAP SUMMITS



Contact your Site Coordinator or TAP Staff for details.

These TAP sites are preparing for their upcoming Summits.  
Be sure to RSVP to your Site Coordinator in plenty of time.

**November 13th in Jackson, MS**

Blackburn Middle School  
Siwell Middle School  
Jim Hill High School

**November 14th in Jackson, MS**

Brinkley Middle School  
Whitten Middle School  
Callaway High School

**November 14th in Cleveland, MS**

Cleveland Middle School  
Greenville High School

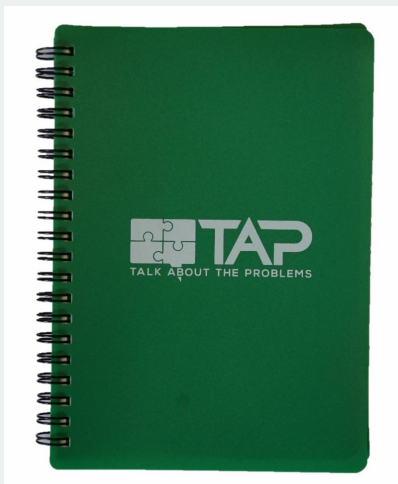
## Clarifying Questions

Sometimes disputants (or friends and family) don't provide all of the information we need to understand their perspective the first time. Here are some clarifying questions you can use to better understand people without making them feel judged or attacked.

- How is this different from what you expected?
- How is this experience like others you have had?
- What are some of the ways you have handled such situations before?
- Will you please give an example?
- How do you feel about what was just said?
- I wonder why that is so. Any thoughts?



*Restate and reflect what you hear the person say so that you can be sure you understand them.*



### TAP Notebook

Take note! This TAP spiral notebook is the perfect thing to bring along to mediations.

Contact your TAP Staff to order one for only \$2.

## LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

### New Google Form Makes Logging Easier



Mediators and Site Coordinators, click the link below to access a Google Form to quickly and easily log your mediations.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

## PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

### JINX!

**KAREN:** Georgia is always interrupting me! She thinks she knows what I'm going to say before I do. She has even started doing it in class, so I never get the chance to answer questions. I'm so done with her.

**GEORGIA:** Karen should know that I don't mean any harm; I just get excited and want to be a part of the conversation. Anyway, she talks so slowly... I just want to get to the point so we can move on.

#### Impact Statement for KAREN:

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#### Impact Statement for GEORGIA:

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