

# Peer Mediation



- National Association of School Principals estimates that 75% of schools have some form of violence prevention
- Schools are now mandated to have safe and drug free schools initiatives under the NCLB act
- Best estimates are that the most commonly used conflict resolution program is peer mediation



# Peer Mediation Prevalence



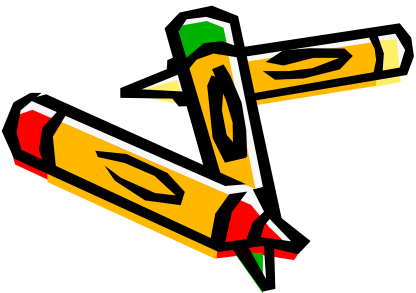
- Assuming that 15,000-20,000 K-12 schools have or have had some form of peer mediation program
- Also increasing use of peer mediation in alternative schools for special needs populations ( still small but growing emphasis)



# Peer Mediation Models



- Cadre model (stand alone)
  - Linked to discipline and guidance offices
  - Free standing (usually due to interest of a few faculty)
  - Linked to bullying prevention, restorative justice or bias awareness programming
  - Linked to peer counseling structures



# Peer Mediation Models



- Curriculum Linked
  - Mediation class in conjunction with peer mediation program
- Service Learning Linked
  - Where peer mediators at HS or MS levels help with mediation training and programs at ES levels



# Focus of Peer Mediation



- Most programs in K-5 schools with mediators trained and used in 3, 4, 5 grades.
- Less prevalent in MS and HS. General sense is too little impact in these larger populations. Usually specialized and linked schools



# Across Level Links in Peer Mediation



- Most Districts do not have district wide peer mediation effort (it's an individual school decision whether to have a program)
- Districts that do have such efforts usually restrict focus to elementary schools (and maybe middle schools)
- Very rare to find true district wide programming in peer mediation



# Best Peer Mediation resources



- School Mediation Associates
- School Mediation Center (formerly the Colorado School Mediation Center)
- CRU-Institute (Conflict Resolution Unlimited Institute)



# Best Peer Mediation resources



- Association for Conflict Resolution - Standards for Peer Mediation programs in K-12
- Hannah More School - peer mediation models for special needs populations

