

TAP NEWS

August Announcements

- Thank you to Keosha Perry from Jim Hill for logging informal mediations this summer!
- Continue to log mediations [here](#) for a chance to earn TAP swag.
- Be on the lookout for more information about fall training, Induction, and Summit.

SPOTLIGHT ON TAP STAFF

As we welcome in new schools, we are excited for you to meet the TAP Staff:

Dave Miller, Director of Community Engagement at the ISJL, is originally from Los Angeles, CA and has lived in MS for ten years. He is a former teacher and Assistant Principal. Dave is looking forward to bringing TAP to more communities.



Rachel Glazer, originally from Gainesville, GA, is the ISJL's Community Engagement Associate. She worked for two years as a Community Engagement Fellow. Rachel is excited to welcome in our new school partners.



Ava Pomerantz, originally from Los Angeles, CA, is the ISJL's Community Engagement Fellow (2018-2020). She works with our TAP sites to train mediators and support Site Coordinators. Ava is excited to continue connecting the TAP communities together.



STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Whether you are a seasoned mediator, just starting out, or taking a year off from formal mediations as you transition to a new school, here are some tips to start the year off strong.

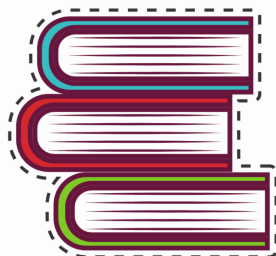
New Mediators

It's your first full year as mediators. You may be nervous or excited, but know that you are supported by your peers, Site

Veteran Mediators

As students navigate the start of the new school year full of new challenges, you may find yourself mediating more than you

Coordinators, and the TAP staff. Take the time to learn from and ask questions of the veteran mediators and keep practicing all the skills you learned in training.



expected. As a veteran, you are not only a mediator but a mentor. Welcome in the new mediators by inviting them to lunch or offering your support with mediations. They may be nervous, but with you as mentors they are set up for great success.

Earn Swag with Informal Mediations

Keep logging informal mediations over the summer and win TAP swag!

- 1 mediation: Sticker
- 3 mediations: Stress ball
- 5 mediations: Drawstring bag
- 10 mediations: Water bottle
- 15 mediations: Notebook
- 20 mediations: T-Shirt
- 25 mediations: Messenger bag



LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

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

Xander:

Before summer, Shorty was shorter than all of us; that's why we called him that. We used to pick on him, but it was all just fun. On the first day back, we were shocked to see how tall he got and how full of himself he got. He pretended like he didn't even know us and only talks to his friends from basketball camp. Now he barely hangs out with us.

Shorty:

Impact Statement for Xander:

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I was so excited to go back to school to show off my new skills on the court. Girls started coming up to me, and I've gotten pretty tight with the guys on the team. But Xander and them started acting all weird. I think they're just mad that they can't pick on me anymore and that I'm popular now. It's not like I'm gonna forget them, though.

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