Welcome Back!

- We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a year of peaceful resolutions!
- Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual TAP Summit on October 13th. All members of the TAP community are invited to this day of professional development.
- Site Coordinators, please work with your TAP Staff to lock in your fall Refresher Trainings for returning mediators before the Summit.
- In order for mediations to count toward the Quarterly Challenge, be sure to log them in your Mediator's Log (see below for information on the new Mediation Log submission form).
- You can email TAP photos and stories to rglazer@isjl.org to be included in the next newsletter.

New Year, Fresh Look

Order a TAP shirt by Sept. 1 in order to receive it at your Refresher Training OR place your order by Sept. 15 to have it ready for pick-up at the Summit.
Getting into the TAP State of Mind

During the beginning of the school year students can get stressed or overwhelmed by changes in their schedules, classes, and relationships. As a peer mediator, you can keep an eye out for signs that these feelings are having negative impacts, such as a change in attitude, body language, or interest in favorite activities. Here is what you can do to help:

- Ask how they're doing, and be genuine
- Include them in activities
- Share how you're doing, and they may feel more comfortable opening up as well
- If you notice that they are in a conflict, recommend them for a mediation.
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

A Break Over Break

DAMON: Before summer break, Caroline and I were kind of dating, but since we got back to school she has totally ignored me. She’s making me look bad in front of my friends. I want to know why she ghosted me like that.

Impact Statement for DAMON:

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CAROLINE: Damon is totally clingy and thinks we’re way closer than we are. We hung out a few times last spring, but that doesn’t mean I’m interested in dating. I don’t see why he doesn’t get that.

Impact Statement for CAROLINE:

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