

July 28: Using Mediation for Conflict Resolution in the Workplace



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Organization leaders are responsible for creating a work environment that enables people to thrive. If turf wars, disagreements, and differences of opinion escalate into interpersonal conflict, you must intervene immediately with conflict resolution mediation.

Not intervening is not an option if you value your organization and your positive culture. In conflict-ridden situations, your mediation skills and interventions are critical.

We're not talking about the daily disagreements that employees may experience at work. Most employees will get over and past those fairly quickly. But, a long-lasting conflict that is negatively affecting work and the people who work with the employees in conflict must be resolved.

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