Navigating Conflict: A Primer for Managing Interpersonal, Small Group and Organizational Conflict



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Course Description

This interactive workshop will help you build a foundational understanding of interpersonal, small group and organizational conflict.

You will learn practical applications that you can apply directly to your current situation as you learn how to:

- Work through individual conflicts
- Address workplace bullying
- Facilitate small group issues
- Improve an organization's conflict climate

You will also gain insight into how approaches to conflict management, based in research and practice, can be applied as a third party facilitator or as a leader within your organization. The format for this training is designed to provide a foundational, conceptual understanding of conflict as well as practical tools that can be used to address and manage both individual and team conflicts. Case studies, skill-building activities, tools for application, and supplemental resources will be included with presented material.

Prerequisites

No Class or Knowledge Required Before Taking This Course

Session Objectives

In this session participants will gain a foundational understanding of individual and team conflicts and learn basic skills to help you: 1) Work through individual conflicts, 2) Address workplace bullying, 3) Facilitate small group dynamics and 4) Improve your organization's conflict climate.

Workshop Agenda

Dynamics of interpersonal conflict

- Communication and conflict, resolution strategies... and the choices we make
- How culture, power, anger, and trauma affect communication and decision making
- Intervention and collaborative resolution models

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Addressing workplace bullying

- Stages, conditions, and options for addressing bullying
- Group case assessment

Interdependent relationships between interpersonal, group, and organizational conflict

- Case study part 1: A multidimensional conflict where do I start?
- Understanding team conflict and conflict climate

Tools for addressing team and organizational conflict

- Strategy mapping and Nominal Group Technique
- Case study Part 2: Now what?

We'll close with a discussion of your organization's conflict management systems and culture for handling conflict: What is your role when working through individual, team, or organizational conflicts, and what are your options?

Students with Disabilities

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