



## About Peers Making Peace®

Not just another mediation program, *Peers Making Peace (PMP)* creates magical mediation. Both the training and the program implementation change lives. People tell us that Peers Making Peace provided them a cathartic experience, that they will never be the same; that they view the world with hope, caring and love. Our goal is to achieve critical mass for social change.

The *Peers Making Peace* program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), the Office for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices (NREPP). **Independent evaluators of the program found the following:**

- This program *represents education in its truest sense*--providing students with new knowledge and skills to apply it.
- *Peers Making Peace*
  - *Provides students with the kind of insight and techniques that will serve them throughout life.*
  - Develops and enhances resiliency assets.
  - Invites and encourages the participation of the whole community while at the same time keeping the program peer-led.
  - Is lauded for *not* detracting from regular instruction, but rather molding itself to the character of the school and its atmosphere. Is noted for its cultural and ethnic sensitivity and bias-free training.
  - Is easily replicable.
  - Is research-based, age-appropriate, and developmentally sound for each level, pre-k through 12. The selection process accesses a group of 15 to 24 students that represent the community's racial, ethnic, and gender demographics.
  - The goals of the program are succinct, clear, and measurable. Students learn skills such as conflict resolution, non-verbal communication, refusal skills, questioning, and maintaining neutrality.
  - Cost to implement the program is reasonable. Costs to maintain the program are minimal. Once the program is in place, the school has no difficulty maintaining it. PMP provides ongoing technical assistance through email, telephone, internet, and mail.
- *Peers Making Peace* provides excellent guidance and step-by-step procedures for implementing a peer mediation-mentoring program effectively. The multiple training manuals and materials are helpful to anyone considering implementing the program.
- The program reported evidence of efficacy based on a methodologically sound evaluation.
- Reductions in drug use and violence were believable and impressive. Academic performance was also increased.

paxUnited® receives calls everyday from schools throughout the nation wanting to implement *Peers Making Peace*. We have successful programs in thousands of schools across the state of Texas, in 28 different states and a few other countries. Children say we've saved their lives. Schools say we've saved their schools. Parents say their children don't argue with them as much as they used to. We say every child deserves a caring safe environment in which to learn and grow.