

"PLC creates a simple structure of conflict resolution and positive social interactions that improves our overall climate. It fits in well with our response to intervention initiative and has greatly helped our 4th grade classrooms." - MPS School Social Worker

Peace Encircles...

What Participants are Saying...

Students:

"Thank you for showing me how to use peaceful ways to solve problems. My favorite way to solve a problem peacefully was using the I MESSAGES. I think I could use that at home with my family." I also liked doing the "I care" activity when we shared our names and what we cared about. My other favorite part about the trip was learning about the peace mentors like Mother Teresa, Cesar Chavez, Dr. Martin Luther King and many others....Another thing I liked learning was the peace breath, I can use that a lot now when I am sad, angry or stressed out about a test or something."
(5th Grade Student, Woodlands Academy)

"It helped me. Now I think I can solve problems better than the way I did before I came." (5th Grade Student, Neeskara Elementary School)

"I learned many things from you, and I learned how to be nicer, treat people like how I would like to be treated, and now I have a lot of friends. We get along and I get treated well. That was the best day of my life!"
(5th grade student, Burbank School)

"I learned that instead of fighting, you can talk out the problem...I learned that you shouldn't solve your problems with violence. You should talk it out. I helped my friends at day care solve their problems without violence. I hope other kids could have the experience I had at the Peace Learning Center." (4th grade student, Cass St. School)

Educators:

"As a guidance counselor in Milwaukee Public Schools, I have worked closely with the Peace Learning Center for the past three years. Through PLC I am able to expose my fifth grade students to meaningful conflict resolution, stress reduction, and problem solving techniques. As my students transition into middle school students, this knowledge is invaluable! In light of the fact that many of my students are unfortunately from communities where violence is often a part of their everyday reality, the Peace Learning Center educates them about communicating and solving disagreements in a peaceful manner." (School Counselor, Milwaukee Public Schools)

"I have worked with the Peace Learning Center for many years and always look forward to taking a new class. While we discuss and practice what it takes to be a peacemaker in class, the PLC reaffirms what I teach and gives the students additional opportunities to put the skills they learn into practice. In addition, they learn more about real life peacemakers and can develop their oral presentation skills as they learn more about these people. I find I am better able to handle situations that may arise in the classroom because of my experiences at the PLC and am able to share some of these skills with other teachers as the need to do so arises." (Teacher, Messmer Schools)

"We have posted the posters and fous all around the school and the kids have discovered another language to use when talking about conflicts. Our 8th grade teacher said this was 'the best field trip of the year!'"
(School Counselor, Milwaukee College Prep)



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- I'm interested in a workshop for my student/group.

Please contact me (print):

Name: _____

School/Group: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Best time to be contacted: _____

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Peace Encourages...

History

Organized in 2002, Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee, Inc. (PLC) has empowered over 12,000 children and adults to practice nonviolent conflict resolution, healthy communication and peaceful action through its *Circles of Peace* and *Peacemakers' Workshops*.

Framed by the five principles of peace education as identified by Ian M. Harris, internationally recognized leader in peace studies and early board member of Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee, Inc., PLC workshops encourage and engage participants to build communities of mutual respect, cooperation, personal accountability and tolerance.

The workshop's methodology is most effective when delivered in a collaborative relationship with schools and families. Our curriculum supports the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Comprehensive School Counseling Model, and maintains age-appropriate expectations and competencies.

What We Do

Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee inspires students and their teachers to be peacemakers! Through our workshops, we offer students an opportunity to take control of their lives and empower them to make healthy, nonviolent choices to manage daily conflict. Our five-hour experiential workshops helps build self-esteem and confidence through cooperative games, role play, and small group study. Our nature hike on the adjacent Koenen Land Preserve offers the opportunity to examine our human connection to the natural world in an urban setting.



"I wanted to take a moment to write to you about our experience today at the Peace Learning Center. What a wonderful day! I am so proud of our students...I was touched by their insights & how they shared. Your facilitators and program is structured for success for all students. As passionate educators, we thank you for such a rewarding experience!"

-5th Grade Teacher, Milwaukee Public Schools

Peace Engages...

Support

Multiple follow-up visits by PLC facilitators in the classroom, called Booster Sessions, reinforce skills and strategies practiced at the workshop.

To help teachers reinforce learning and implement strategies in the classroom, PLC provides materials such as classroom posters and student workbooks and ongoing professional support.

PLC also provides staff development opportunities, wellness collaboration and speaking engagements addressing nonviolence, inclusion, nonviolent conflict resolution & restorative practice.



Results

In addition to our ongoing internal evaluations, PLC's *Peacemaker's Workshop* results were reviewed in 2006 and 2009 by UWM Center for Urban Initiative & Research. Results indicate that *"students who participated in PLC training showed measurable improvement in their conflict management skills,"* and that *"student retention of facts, concepts and skills was substantial."*

- 91% of students who attended *Peacemakers' Workshop* said they had learned tools & strategies that they would really use at school or at home.
- Two-thirds of teachers believed that they themselves handled student conflicts differently since participating in the Workshop with their students.
- More than half of the teachers surveyed believed that their students were more considerate of others' feelings since their experience at *Peacemakers' Workshop*.



Peace Empowers...

PLC Workshop Programming

Peacemaker's Workshop (4th/5th Grade)

Peacemakers' Workshop is an engaging day-long workshop where students are empowered to discover their own peacemaking abilities. Peacemakers' Workshop encourage students and adults alike to build communities of mutual respect, cooperation, personal accountability and tolerance. Through cooperative games, small group study, and role play, students practice healthy ways to communicate, manage conflict nonviolently, build self-esteem and think critically about the impact peaceful action has on their community.

Circles of Peace (6th-8th Grades)

Peace Learning Center staff has developed a middle school specific curriculum designed to address issues adolescents often deal with in their daily interactions with peers. Building a sense of peer community and empathy for others are two of the primary focuses of the workshop. Students are given tools that support student efforts to develop healthy relationships, manage conflict, and improve climates in school communities.

Train the Trainer

For current and future educators, community groups, and schools outside of the Milwaukee area, Peace Learning Center will work with you to design a program for your group. Customized packages include training either at PLC Milwaukee or at your facility, workshop material, curriculum manual and ongoing support - everything you need to teach peace!

"Thank you for teaching me Ready, Set, Go. It really helps me solve problems. I would also like to thank you for teaching me the peace breath. It really helps me calm down when I am angry and stressed. Arguments or fights can start really easy and fast so thank you for telling and showing us how to make peace."

-4th Grade Student,
Burbank Elementary School

