

Letter from the President and Executive Director

March 2018

In 2017 NVMS worked with partners both within the organization and in collaborating area agencies to expand services and connect with new stakeholders. Our juvenile restorative justice program collaboration, the Fairfax County Alternative Accountability Program, grew in caseload by 370% with Countywide implementation. We increased the number of co-parenting communication classes serving local parents struggling with child support challenges. We served 11% more individuals with civil court cases than last year, supporting self-determination and lasting solutions through mediation.

The Board and Executive Director also finalized a strategic plan that supports our current programs while placing an added focus on the important capacity-building work of community education, fundraising, partnership development and volunteer management. NVMS staff and community members participated in numerous outreach and public education events during the year, from local information sessions to national conferences. Together with our dedicated practitioners we continue to serve a broad array of audiences with assistance in resolving disputes, improving communication and developing skills in conflict resolution and collaboration.

In 2018 we will build on the progress made last year in program development, partnerships and communications to serve Northern Virginia and the Washington, DC region moving forward with new leadership as we transition with Ariel Gordon as the new Executive Director. We extend our utmost appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that make our work possible, our Trainers, Mediators, Facilitators, Board Members, Staff, Partners, Supporters, Trainees and Clients. This is a truly fortunate community in supporting one another as we navigate challenges and embrace opportunities to complete our mission of transforming conflict into successful outcomes.

Sincerely,



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