

## Bridging Communities Welcome Breakfast

An interactive conversation on how we can work together to manage and resolve conflicts so all community members thrive.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 8:00 - 9:30 am**

Hybla Valley Community Center | 7950 Audubon Avenue | Alexandria, VA 22306

This event is free. Light breakfast served.

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When social compacts and safety nets break down and when systemic inequities displace, exclude, and segregate – conflict follows and dehumanizes neighbors. It is a perfect storm that pits neighbors, communities, and institutions against each other. People isolate from family connections and disassociate from familiar institutions – schools, work, and faith. Some are more likely to engage in criminal behavior or to gravitate to bad influences. Yes, conflict is inevitable, but helplessness and hopelessness are not.

The **Bridging Communities Welcome Breakfast** is an endeavor by NVMS Conflict Resolution Center to become a community bridge builder. We invite YOU for an interactive conversation with stakeholders, mediators, restorative justice facilitators, trainers, board members, donors, and other supportive friends— to learn more about how you can be a part of this public initiative for our communities.

At the **Bridging Communities Welcome Breakfast**, you will:

- Learn the day-to-day challenges and struggles faced by community residents.
- Hear from past and current clients with stories of their journeys.
- Discover the various ways conflict resolution practitioners are helping people manage conflict.
- Meet dedicated volunteers who have made a profound difference in the lives of our neighbors.
- Network with current supporters and donors who value our mission as their own.
- Be invited to share your time, talent, and treasure to support the impact of programs and services.

Register to attend this free event: [click here for Eventbrite registration](#).

**Questions?** Contact Ann Colligan, NVMS Operation and Program Assistant, at [AColligan@nvms.us](mailto:AColligan@nvms.us) or 703-865-7272

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With more than 30 years of experience, **NVMS Conflict Resolution Center** empowers people and organizations to manage and resolve conflict constructively. With Bridging Communities, we seek to become a resource for community building where all neighbors can thrive. We wish to strengthen our community connections through partnerships with grassroots and faith-based organizations, civic groups, and others. We aim to provide services and conflict management training to support under-resourced neighborhoods. We will empower young members of the community with tools to help them manage conflicts in their daily lives.