

Alfred Community Coalition to introduce community mediation program Nov. 18

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Have you ever wished for a constructive and available means to resolve a conflict with a neighbor, renter, landlord, a campus member, or business owner in the community? The Alfred Community Coalition, a group composed of both Alfred University and Alfred State College student affairs personnel, wellness staff, security officials, the Alfred village police chief, and village and town officials, invites you to a public meeting that will introduce the Alfred Community Mediation Program on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in Alfred Village Hall Auditorium. The program will offer local individuals, businesses, and organizations a means to resolve issues in an effective, timely manner at low cost. Rachel Linderman, site supervisor of the Olean office of Child & Family Services' Center for Resolution & Justice (CRJ), will describe the program and invite people from both campuses and the community to be trained as volunteer mediators. Mediation training will be provided by the CRJ staff in mid-January. Also, members of the Coalition will briefly tell the collaborative story behind this initiative. A community mediation program can address problems related to housing, rental issues, juvenile disputes, neighborhood difficulties, personal property/land disputes, parent/child issues and others. The process has the advantage of being under the disputant's control, inexpensive, confidential, and quick. For more information, or to ask questions, contact Norm Pollard, AU dean of students at 608,871,2132; Casey Gross, ASC associate dean for judicial affairs, at 607.587.4065; or Virginia Rasmussen, village trustee, at 607.587.9558.