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We are excited to share updates on our latest initiatives, including our Annual Grant Cycle, Special Initiative, and Rapid Response efforts in California. Learn about the incredible work being done across the U.S. to advance access to justice, empower young peacemakers, and foster civil discourse. We are proud of our continued partnerships and the transformative impact we're making together.

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2025 Annual Grant Cycle

Through the Annual Grant Cycle, the Foundation approved funding to support three key projects advancing dispute resolution across the U.S. Below is an overview of each grant.



For more details, please visit our website.

Street Law

\$653,492 over three years to develop and assess resources and training for youth courts across the U.S. in partnership with the National Association of Youth Courts. This initiative will address gaps in the system and improve outcomes for over 100,000 youth annually, enhancing ADR practices in these courts.

National Civic League

\$244,800 to innovate and support strong civil discourse in local governance in three U.S. locations. The initiative aims to improve citizen-government relations in partnership with the SHIFT Family Foundation, the National League of Cities, and the International City/County Management Association.

Everyday Democracy

\$182,000 to train librarians in dialogue facilitation to foster civil discourse in 10-12 library systems across the U.S. in partnership with the Urban Libraries Council.

Special Initiative Grant

The Foundation is committed to supporting the development and implementation of field mediation response teams to 911 calls.



Dignity Best Practices

\$550,000 over two years to establish field mediation response teams in 2-3 U.S. pilot cities, demonstrating the proof of concept for making this service a mainstream practice.

Rapid Response Fund: LA Wildfires

\$80,000 to support two organizations providing urgent conflict resolution services to communities affected by the LA wildfires.



\$55,000 to the National Association for Community Mediation and five Los Angeles area community mediation centers to expand pro bono ADR services for those in need.

\$25,000 to the Western Justice Center to support their conflict resolution programs with school districts affected by the fires.

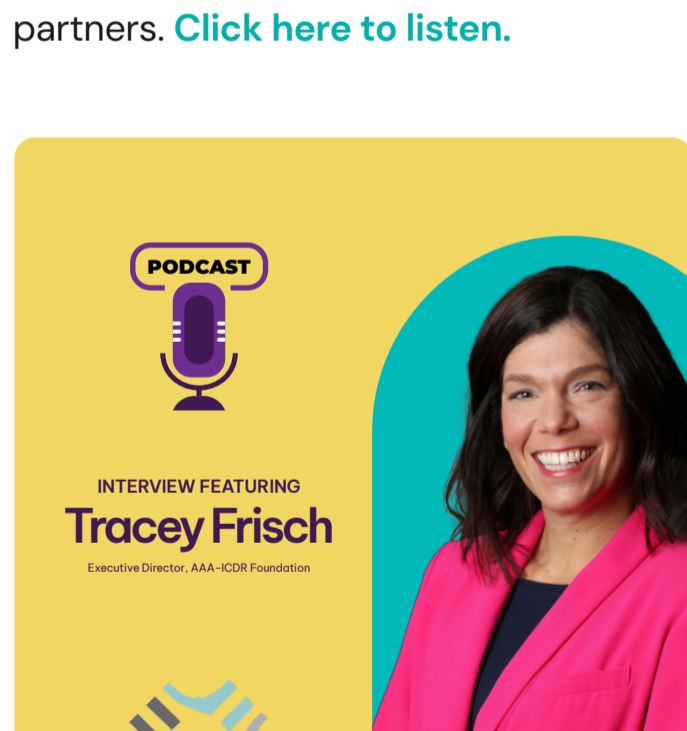
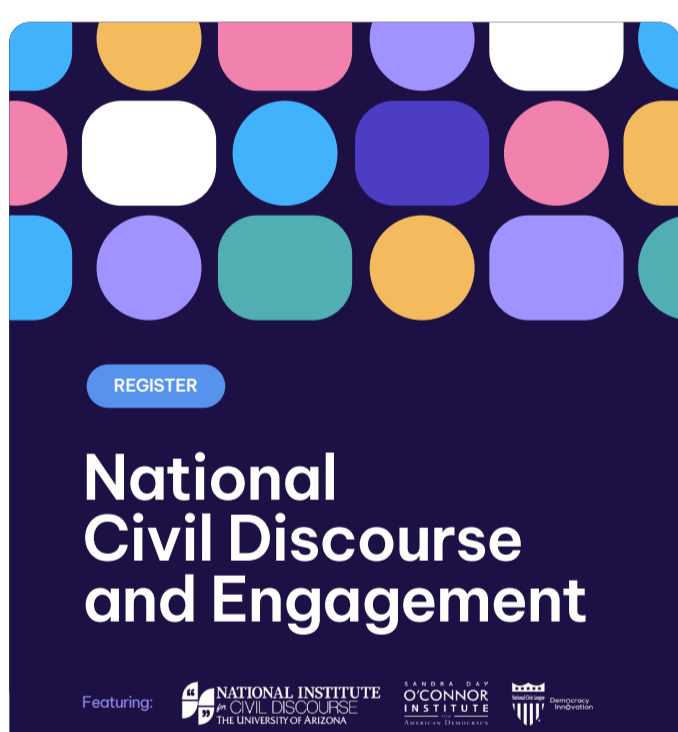


Western Justice Center Peer Mediation Invitational

On February 19 and 26, the Western Justice Center, located in Pasadena, CA, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Peer Mediation Invitational (PMI), empowering young peacemakers and transforming school communities through mediation. AAA-ICDR Directors Lise Prisaroin, Stephanie Cubacha, Fernanda Flores, and Erin Brennan, served as mediation mentors and joined 500 students, educators, and volunteers at PMI's largest event in 20 years. Members of AAA's Roster of Mediators, Amy Semmel, Janie Winning, William Tucker, MyKhanh Shelton, and Michael Bayard also joined to mentor student mediators. Michael Bayard, AAA Panelist shared, "Seeing and being with the students assured me that we are recruiting and training the next generation of mediators." The AAA-ICDR Foundation is proud to be an ongoing partner of the Western Justice Center, actively transforming how youth resolve conflicts today.

AAA-ICDR Foundation Civil Discourse Webinar

Listen to a lively conversation moderated by Bruce Meyerson with leaders and grant partners working within civil discourse. Speakers share their work experience in the field and exchange ideas focused on reviving civility, problem solving across divides and advancing democracy through civic education and engagement. The Foundation is proud to be able to support this and share the lessons and impact of its grant partners. [Click here to listen.](#)

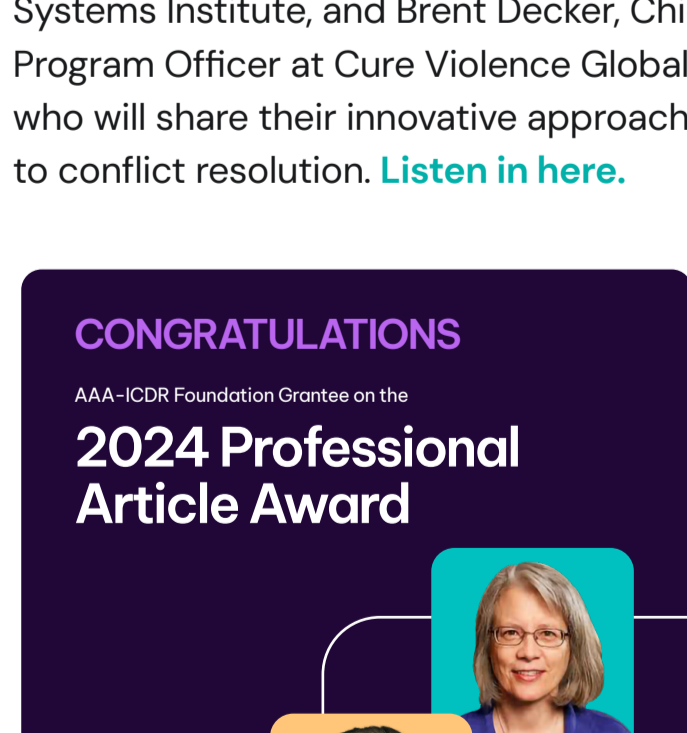
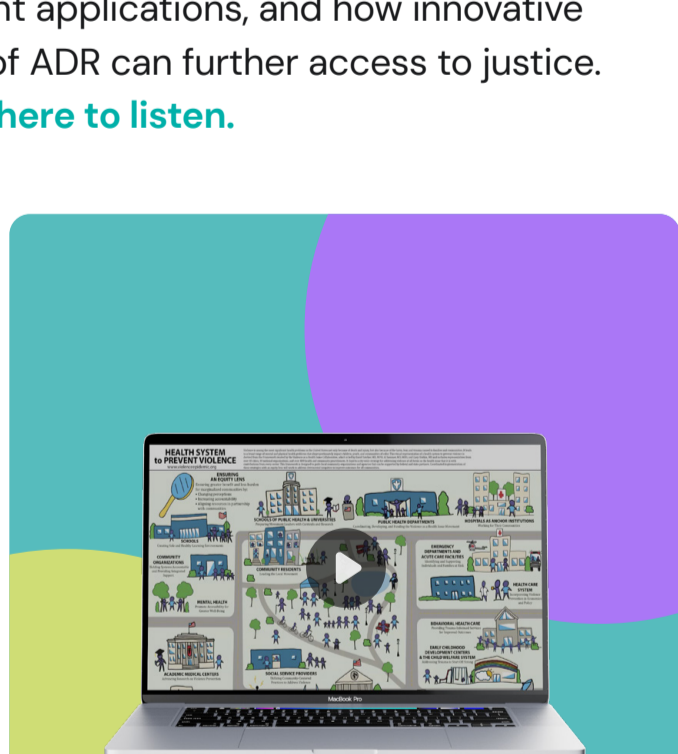


Listen to the Latest Keeping It 100 Podcast with Tracey Frisch

Check out the latest episode of the Keeping It 100 Podcast produced by Foundation grantee the National Association for Community Mediation, featuring Tracey Frisch, Executive Director of the AAA-ICDR Foundation. Tracey discusses the Foundation's mission, what we look for in grant applications, and how innovative uses of ADR can further access to justice. [Click here to listen.](#)

2025 Midwest Region Panel Presentation with AAA-ICDR Foundation Grant Partners

Join key Foundation grant partners for a discussion on access to justice at the January 2025 Midwest Region Panel. Featured speakers include Jennifer Shack, Director of Research at Resolution Systems Institute, and Brent Decker, Chief Program Officer at Cure Violence Global, who will share their innovative approaches to conflict resolution. [Listen in here.](#)



AAA-ICDR Foundation Grantee wins the CPR Research Article Award

The AAA-ICDR Foundation congratulates grantees Roselle Wissler and Art Hinshaw, co-winners of the 2025 CPR Professional Article Award, for their article funded by the Foundation, Comparing Joint Session and Caucus Outcomes: Factoring in Substantive Discussions and Case Characteristics in the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution (2024). To view the article, please [click here.](#)

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