

# The Children's Creative Response to Conflict

*Grades K-12*

## The Program

The Children's Creative Response to Conflict (CCRC) is in use nationally and internationally with more than 30 branches throughout the world. CCRC helps children, parents, and educators examine conflicts and develop solutions. CCRC activities are based around the central themes of Cooperation, Communication, Affirmation, Conflict Resolution, Bias Awareness, Problem Solving, Mediation, and Bullying Prevention.

A CCRC staff developer works with the classroom teacher to facilitate student workshops. Each workshop utilizes varied instruction and student-centered activities: whole group/small group instruction; a warm-up gathering activity to build trust and community; an agenda review to gain student approval and workshop ownership; and focal activities (e.g., role play modeling, active listening activities, paraphrasing and restarting). Each workshop is followed by student evaluations and a group activity to bring formal closure.

## Results

Teachers rated the program's impact on their students' attitudes and behaviors: 89% of teachers reported an increase of students' skill in understanding other points of view; 89% of teachers reported an increase in students' willingness to cooperate; 80% of teachers reported that students demonstrated a more caring behavior; 70% of teachers reported that students demonstrated more acceptance of other's differences; 67% of teachers reported that students demonstrated more acceptance of other's differences; and 67% of teachers reported that students exhibited an increase in spontaneous use of conflict resolution skills.



## Learning Standards

**Health, Physical Education & Home Economics:** 2) acquire the knowledge and ability necessary to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

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