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Representative John Damoose Visitation

On Wednesday, July 7, Representative John Damoose and his Legislative Aide Denise Pallarito visited Northern Community Mediation. They were particularly interested in the mediation process itself, as well as the benefits it brings to the community. Rather than having to rely upon a court mandated decision, the parties themselves have the opportunity to resolve their disputes and hence, have a greater buy-in to the resolution of the conflict.

Case Managers Karen Cole and Laura Buckingham explained the intake process to Representative Damoose and Ms. Pallarito. Prior to mediation, it is important to talk with all of the parties to ensure that they understand the process itself. It is also essential that the case managers have a basic understanding of the nature of the dispute so that they can share this information with the mediators. Executive Director Jane Millar then explained what actually transpires during mediation. She also shared the value of applying mediation skills in everyday life.

As Representative Damoose noted on his Facebook page, “The Northern Community Mediation team is a dedicated group of people who are making a real difference in our community! Thank you especially to Dr. Jane Millar, Karen Cole, and Laura Buckingham for a great overview of the mediation process. Your work is a model that could elevate discourse and bring people together across every part of our society.”

Millar summarized, “Northern Community Mediation appreciates the sincere interest in mediation expressed by Representative Damoose. Having representatives who understand the value of mediation is of benefit to everyone. Mediation saves the courts time and money, and empowers the citizens of the community.”

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right: Karen Cole, Jane Millar, John Damoose, Laura Buckingham

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