



**“Building Capacity in Education Around the Globe:  
Conflict Resolution Strategies and Resources for Schools”**

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Jennifer Batton, M.A. is the Co-chair of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, Peace and Conflict Resolution Education Working Group ([www.gppac.net](http://www.gppac.net)), Senior Fellow for the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue, and Conference Coordinator for the annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution ([www.CREducation.org](http://www.CREducation.org)). She worked on a number of national initiatives funded by the United States Department of Education and international initiatives including providing leadership for The Organization of American States (OAS) Advisory Board for the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices ([www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)). Batton provided training, presentations, and consultation for teachers, policy makers, and youth serving professionals on the topic of CRE in countries including Afghanistan, Australia, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Guatemala, India, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Serbia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine.

Batton recently served as the director of Global Issues Resource Center at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, USA where she coordinated the college’s certificate program in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, coordinated an on-line national How to Manual for Community Colleges Developing Peace and Conflict Studies Programs with the United States Institute of Peace, and coordinated the development of a study abroad program in Peace and Conflict Studies in Costa Rica through Community Colleges for International Development (CCID). Batton is the former director of education programs for the state government office, the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management in Columbus, Ohio, USA (1998 – 2006). As the Education Director, she was responsible for strategic planning to meet the needs of all of Ohio’s schools (approximately 3,600) and universities (approximately 52 teacher training colleges) including coordinating and designing state-wide conflict resolution education (CRE) programming by providing grants, training, technical assistance, evaluation, and resource development in partnership with other state government, and state-wide youth serving agencies. Before coming to the state she was the Director of the Status Offender Mediation Program for the Butler County Juvenile Courts. She has a B.A. in Political Science from Miami University, and an M.A. in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University. She has completed additional coursework towards a Ph.D. in Conflict Management through Nova Southeastern University.



## The Idea

This webinar on “Building Capacity in Education Around the Globe: Conflict Resolution Strategies and Resources for Schools” will provide educators with an overview of skills we know students and their teachers need to learn and model to be successful and active citizens locally and globally. Examples from around the globe of ways to build capacity in the classroom, school, and at a state/national level will be shared along with an overview of resources that can assist you in achieving your goals (including free resources accessible on the web).

## Why it Matters

Teaching Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) skills and strategies has proven effective in reducing negative behavior, improving overall classroom climate, enhancing students’ social and emotional competencies, and providing students with critical skills for cooperatively managing conflicts at home, in school, and in the community. There is strong evidence providing the link between CRE and academic achievement. For more information on the results of integrating these skill sets into the curriculum for students, please visit <http://www.creeducation.org/cre/researchers> and the Collaborative for Academic and Social and Emotional Learning’s Research Page at: <http://casel.org/research/>

## What we know

Throughout the hemisphere, the skills and concepts of conflict resolution education, are being integrated into the curriculum through national efforts in the areas of democracy education, citizenship education and/or peace education. Specific training in Conflict Resolution Education in the Caribbean has been undertaken since 2009 under the leadership of the Ministry of Education of Trinidad and Tobago and the Ministry of Local Government, with financial assistance from the Organization of American States and then again in 2010 – 2011 training was provided for educators, NGOs, and government officials in Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent. The Ministry of Education of Costa Rica received funding from the Organization of American States Horizontal Cooperation Fund to train Ministry of Education officials in conflict resolution. The George Price Center, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Belize, hosted a week long training for Ministry of Education and community youth leaders in conflict resolution. These are merely a sample of the work being done throughout the Americas on this topic. To learn more about what is happening, not only in the Americas, but also around the globe on conflict resolution education and related topics, go to: [http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global\\_cre](http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global_cre)

## Agenda

09.55am- 10.00am	Technical testing (settings, and hardware tests).
10.00am- 10.05 am	Introduction of the Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN) and Webinar Series (Adriana Vilela, Education Specialist, OAS).
10.05am- 10.45 am	Specialist Presentation
10.45am- 11.00 am	Q & A /discussion.

**\*Time Expressed in Local Time of Washington, DC UTC/GMT - 4h (Eastern Daylight Time)\***



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