

# Elevating Student Voice Through Caring & Committed Conversations



August 14, 2023

8:30AM – 3:30PM

**In person at Bethel University, Anderson Center**

Caring & Committed Conversations (CCC) is a guided conversation process that empowers students to courageously use their voices to share their personal stories and thoughts pertaining to society and educational issues that explicitly and implicitly impact their lives.



This training outlines the process used to establish a Caring and Committed Conversations Protocol in your schools.

Participants will learn a process that encourages students to be:

- **Caring** – Guide students in sharing their personal narratives and ideas. Educators and community members listen and engage in questioning methods that deepen their understanding of the students' lived experiences.
- **Committed** towards implementing change by sharing and listening to each other.

When these CCC Protocols and systems are established, participants intellectually engage in a communication model that empowers a sense of self and social awareness through self-expression. Hosting these conversations provide students and staff with a progressive experience that organically develops an authentic connection which inspires unity. These conversations promote positive relationship building between students and staff while providing inclusive learning environments for all students. The CCC process provides everyone the opportunity to be seen, heard, and represented: "EveryONE Gets to Experience EveryONE's Experience."

**Target Audience:** Classroom Teachers K-12, Administrators, Directors, Social Workers, Behavior Intervention Specialists, Equity Specialists

**Facilitator, Sarah Miller & Malik Peer, Diversity Equity Outreach Consulting, LLC**

**Sarah Miller** (she/her) is a passionate and dedicated educator and lifelong learner who has been working in the field of Education for 30 years. During her career she has served as a teacher, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (CRP) Specialist, American Indian Educator Coordinator and After-Hours Learning Coordinator. Ms. Miller graduated from Bemidji State University and went on to obtain her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia College. In addition, Sarah received a Culturally Responsive Teaching Certificate and her Administrative Certification. Sarah is currently working on her Doctoral Degree in Social Change Leadership from Walden University.

**Malik Peer** was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas. To escape the desolation of poverty, Malik left home with his brother at the age of 13 to pursue a music career in Minnesota. After an adventurous music career, Malik found his way back to Education. He returned to earn his GED and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Equity and Inclusion. Mr. Peer is in the process of obtaining his Master's Degree in Equity and Inclusion with an emphasis on Social Education. He is a licensed mediator, Restorative Practices Trainer, and an Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) administrator. Malik has a passion for assisting and supporting all people in developing their relationship with self and others. He brings passion to his profession by creating engaging and transformative training and coaching to others. Malik is currently serving as an Equity Specialist for the Jordan Public Schools in Minnesota.

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### Registration Information

**Cost:** \$200 [Metro ECSU Member](#) \*  
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**Registration Deadline:** March 26, 2023

**Cancellation Deadline:** March 28, 2023

**Registration Contact:**

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**Location:** Bethel University,  
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