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SAM Training Role Play Day, Fall 2025

ECR's SAM Mediator Spring Training, April 2026

Training: A **15-hour** Mediator/Facilitator Training designed to prepare participants to facilitate **S**chool **A**ttendance **M**ediations, or **SAMs**.

Timeline: **April 7, 9, & 16 (evenings online), and all day on Saturday, April 18, in person.**

Cost: **\$450 (\$400 per person if a county sends 5 or more participants)**

Training Includes the Following:

- **7.5 hours of online training (on 3 weekday evenings)**
- **7.5 hours of role-play & skill application (on a Saturday)**
- **A digital and hard copy edition of the SAM Training Manual**
- **An official SAM Mediator Certificate upon completion of training.**
- **Forms and Materials to start a SAM Program in your own county**

Schedule:

- **Online Sessions--3 evenings (April 7, 9, & 16), 6:00-8:30 PM. These are 2.5 Hour sessions, each with a built-in break.**
- **One 7.5 Hour In-person, role-play & skill application day on Saturday, April 18, 9:00-4:30 with built-in breaks and a 45-minute lunch.**

*** Full scholarships are available to Wabash County residents and Manchester University students upon inquiry. See reverse side.**

Email for more information: info@workitout.org.

Register Online: www.workitout.org by March 27.



School Attendance Mediator (SAM**) Training**

Length: 15 Hours

Description:

This training is an intensive, participatory introduction to the **School Attendance Mediation**, or the **SAM** program, which prepares participants to be **SAM** Mediators and coaches them on how to initiate and administer a **SAM** intervention program for their own community public school systems. The focus is on providing mediations to families and their students who have exhibited a chronic pattern of absenteeism. The training introduces conflict resolution theory and teaches the techniques for conducting an effective and productive **SAM** mediation which gets students back to school and learning. The emphasis is on changing student behavior through non-punitive measures. The training provides simulated learning experiences by including a mediation role-play day with positive, non-critical coaching designed to improve the participant's skills in a non-intimidating environment.

Target Audience:

Community volunteers, educators, retired persons, and youth workers who wish to become an **ECR Certified SAM Mediator** and help initiate and develop a **SAM** Program in their communities.

Includes:

A digital and hard-copy manual, additional instructional handouts, and an **ECR SAM Mediator Certificate** (awarded upon completion of the training.) Participants must attend all four sessions to receive official **ECR** certification.

Format:

Involves a mix of **three, 2.5-hour evening Zoom Sessions & one in-person 7.5-hour role-play day** conducted on the Manchester University Campus.

Cost: \$450 (\$400 per person if a county sends 5 or more participants)

Full scholarships are available to Wabash County residents who agree to conduct 8 mediations for **ECR** over a three-year period. **ECR** provides additional on-site training and mentoring. Scholarships are also available to **Manchester University students.**

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