Training Objectives

1. Audience will learn the principles of nonviolent peacemaking.
2. Audience will learn active bystander and peacekeeping practices.
3. Audience will discuss creating safe spaces for building community relationships.

Topic: Community Policing

Abstract

*Holding Courageous Space: Nonviolent Peacekeeping As A Transformative Tool*

DC Peace Team is an organization that encourages nonviolent peacemaking and key corresponding practices. We unleash and utilize the power of ordinary civilians to serve their communities as nonviolent peacekeepers. The DC Peace Team accomplishes this by deploying unarmed civilian protection units, providing training in key nonviolent skills and restorative justice practices. Our primary focus is scaling-up unarmed civilian protection mechanisms in communities to reduce armed approaches and responses to conflict and crime. These mechanisms enable us to better illuminate human dignity and deepen empathy. We also seek to reframe approaches to conflict and transform them into courageous spaces where dialogue can occur and perspectives can be shared in a way that empowers individuals to build healthier relationships and maintain them over time. We honor the unique contributions of all individuals to the larger community and celebrate those gifts.

Presenter

**Sal Corbin** - Sal worked for 15 years in academia as a Psychology Professor before transitioning to nonprofit work doing Workforce Development training and program management. From there he became a Training Coordinator for Friendship Place and also serves as their Racial Equity Officer. His vision is to help others build and maintain healthy relationships with conflict transformation being the primary focus. His extensive background in leadership facilitation supports his efforts to keep showing up and sharing.