TLC Dream Chart ...Co-Creating a Peer-Mediation System...

	Children share	Facilitators share	Parents share
1. What works here when we respond to conflict?	 Having some time-out and space away from the person, so that things cools down When we have freedom to solve it our own way Eating together or having ice cream 	 When there's listening and everyone feels heard Taking time apart, having a time-out Keeping the conversation/process informal 	 The TLC spirit The hope to build something different Space for self-expression and open sharing The interest to find empathy and community The care, attentive listening The sharing with facilitators, their love and openness The responding with love and care
2. What doesn't work quite so well?	 Hitting each other Gossiping Taking sides When we fight with others, we are actually fighting with ourselves Doing nothing Meetings create more fights When adults/parents/facilitators get involved Adults make it boring When a facilitator forces someone to say "sorry" Having a meeting with adults or older kids (when younger kids have a fight) 	 Sharing circles/meetings are only verbal, and verbal processing is not enough When things feel unfair for someone When people still feel unheard, even after a meeting When there's no real acknowledgement of the pain caused When someone's sharing comes across as fake or manipulative The loudest voice wins Letting unresolved issues pile up and go unprocessed When the discussed behaviour is repeated, even after an agreement to change something There's too little follow-up and lack of enforcement when agreements are made There's limited support, because people don't want to step in 	 Communication on email and WhatsApp Too much information on WhatsApp, too many questions/sharing from parents Information gets lost in the overflow of communication Sharing of information is incomplete Lack of information/communication (ex: regarding Alessandra/filming) Decisions are made without inclusion and choice Lack of understanding between facilitators and parents Too much load on too few people When you ask for support, it's not there There's reluctance/inability to share and communicate, which leaves a feeling of discomfort There's a fear of not being understood When we reproduce the story in our own heads, without information or confirmation
3. How do we dream it could be?	 Finish the fight and don't snitch or bring in other people Fight until someone gives up No adults should intervene It should be a kids-only meeting Kids have rights 	 Creating a system that can hold everyone and sees what's needed for each individual in each moment Sensing the other Honouring the self and the other Allowing for individuality and receiving each other with softness 	 Sincere and humble community Harmony on all levels Trust in all members of the community More connection Space for sharing Sincere communication

- · We want freedom and harmony
- · Let the kids do what they want
- · Asking for help
- · Having people with me that I trust
- Somebody listens to you attentively without judgement
- Talking for some time, but not right after the fight, so that you are in a rage and still angry
- Taking some time and then talking to the other person and deciding what each person should have done and what they will do next time
- Each person writes down what happened from their perspective, and then we share all perspectives and see what's true (so that we can learn and grow)
- Try to find a compromise (ex: rock, paper, scissors)
- · Talk to a friend first and try to solve it
- · Talk to a parent, or sibling, or facilitator
- · Talk to myself
- · If there's an argument, catch it before it turns into a fight
- · Try to solve it as fast as possible
- We need time! We want to share when we are ready, and sometimes we don't want to speak
- $\cdot\,$ The concerned parties notice and care
- There shouldn't be too many words, nor any pressure
- There should be the presence of safe person (parent)
- · It should be fair for everyone

- · Being and doing together more often
- Working together weekly and looking at what we can improve (maybe during Monday meetings?)
- · Being in the present, honouring the now
- Acting in the moment and being present (but not pushing, allowing for delay if needed)
- Being flexible: in a given situation, drawing out what is best for all
- · Being consistent, but flexible
- · No rules, but boundaries
- · Adults stepping up and role-modelling
- Developing a community based on trust and being in the heart
- · We must care for everyone
- Trust that through conflict, we get to know each other better
- · Trust in the process and in the unfolding
- For inspiration, share a weekly quote with the community on the topic of togetherness and conflict
- Having more events, as this contributes to the community feeling, where there's flow and energy, and it maintains connection between everyone
- Create a sharing space for ideas on how to build community
- Open the space to all those who come to Basecamp, including parents and facilitators
- Creating a space to connect with parents (perhaps once a month?), where they can also help with intervening in a conflict
- Have a system available for any conflict involving an active member of TLC with another member of TLC or anyone else
- How are people invited to participate in the process?

- · Empathy
- Clear communication with everybody
- Have a meeting about using WhatsApp, and having a common agreement (ex: no private messages in the WhatsApp info group)
- Ask for support to use tools that help the communication flow (ex: Asana)
- · Transparency around the decisions
- Request participation from all if they are more involved, they will criticize less
- Ask the kids and larger community, and involve them in decision-making (ex: regarding filming and photography)
- Trust that all decisions from the facilitators are taken from a place of passion and compassion and love for the children
- · Give a safe space to listen to parents' concerns
- Integrate ideas/suggestions from parents, to create more of a community feeling
- Sensitivity around timing and scheduling (and changes)
- Possibility to call a meeting any moment when conflict arises so that it can be dealt with right away
- Open discussions and putting conflicts on the table (not keeping it in)
- · Taking responsibility for one's actions

- What's needed: safety, talking, being heard, understanding, inclusion, friendship
- · Have jokes and play
- Have peace meetings during Service Time (12-12.30), or after lunch
- Spaces: wood-express, pool (with water!), on the slide, in the forest, at home, space where there are not too many people

- · A safe space for conflict, where there's no fear
- · Where we can talk
- · Where neutral support is offered
- Loving friends who can tell us what they think about the conflict and help us to understand all sides
- · Somebody listens attentively, without judgement
- Receiving empathy, so that we can process the disconnect
- · Having a space to connect
- · Not falling back into old patterns
- · We brainstorm for solutions together
- · Looking at causes and solutions together
- Making sure we follow up on issues and agreements
- Having conversations directly, one-on-one (while including care for wider communication/information)
- Having more informal meetings with only 1 or 2 people
- Creating a "fight room" or a special space for dealing with conflict
- Creating an attractive and sweet space with singing bowls or something ritualistic
- $\cdot\,$ Have a tent? Have a space in the forest?
- · Have cookies and juice available
- Meeting and reconnecting in the tea shop = "Restoratea"
- Create a space for releasing physical and emotional energy, such as the punching ball or having a cycle tour together

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Facilitators share (cont)...

- Developing a "Peace Gang:" trained people who have the time to deal with conflict
- Having resource people who can help, with a mixed team who have different roles in TLC
- · Care and follow-up from the "Peace Gang" members
- · Resource people: NVC team (L'aura)
- Perhaps a mixed team: 1 child, 1 parent, 1 facilitator
- Rotate teams every 3 months?
- Have a way to respond in the moment, if needed, or later on if a time-out is needed
- Have options to be able to express oneself immediately, if needed (even writing on paper)
- Try to respond in the moment, or as soon as possible (when all the parties are ready)
- · Keep the process short
- · Having space for a time-out as well