

HEALING CONFERENCES

One of the organization I've worked with for more than 10 years (and which I wrote about in Hearts and Hands) organizes youth and mentor conferences in the woods. It's called the Mosaic Multicultural Foundation. They can be reached at [_info@mosaicvoices.org_](mailto:info@mosaicvoices.org) (<mailto:info@mosaicvoices.org>). You can check out their website at [_www.mosaicvoices.org_](http://www.mosaicvoices.org) (<http://www.mosaicvoices.org>). Their phone number is (206) 463-5882.

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Their conferences (we just had one in Mendocino, CA this August) involves story, poetry, dance, song, living rituals, and intense dialogues on race, class, rage, gender concerns, and the mythological and imaginative response to war, violence, depression, hate, and more.

Besides mentors, therapists, and community activists of all races, colors and creeds, we also bring active gang members from Watts, East LA, Chicago, the Bay Area, St. Louis and other cities. Groups who have worked with Mosaic in bringing youth or holding events are Homeboy Industries, Homies Unidos, the Watts Community Self-Determination Institute, leaders of the Blood-Crips Truce, Youth Struggling for Survival in Chicago, among others.

I hope this can be included in your booklet. Other programs we do are "Voices of Youth, Voices of Community" (poetry workshops and community presentation with troubled youth); "The Poetics of Peace" (community events using poetry, story, song, and ideas to gather energy and people against war); and "Walking With" (where we help young prison offenders with court advocacy and prison life with books, correspondences, and legal assistance -- limited to young people who have taken part in our conferences and training).

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