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1. TITLE: Young Adolescents Caught in Conflicts: Getting Them Resolved

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6. ABSTRACT: Conflicts youths experience play a special role in their lives. Young adolescents are engrossed by and attracted to conflicts, in that they like to start them, watch them, and talk about them. However, young adolescents lack the competency to deal with conflicts constructively. Anyone teaching or working with young adolescents knows that disputes and near-disputes involving remarks or supposed remarks made by peers are a chronic problem. The center of a young adolescent's social life is the school, in which adult control is diminishing. During this time, adolescents are actively exploring interpersonal influences, dealing with threats, negotiating power balances, and learning to cope with social successes and disappointments.
The goals of this presentation include: (a) providing a brief history of conflict resolution in education, (b) using conflict resolution skills to resolve conflict scenarios, and (c) sharing literature and multicultural resources for resolving conflict in middle schools. Literature-based instructional plans will be distributed.