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The mediation skills I learned at OCDC, although I have never gone on to mediate, have come in handy in multiple situations, across multiple types of work. In my first job after graduating from Oberlin, for example, as a housing counselor for homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS, I drew on those skills to listen to clients and to advocate for their housing needs in housing court and elsewhere. But perhaps more importantly, and more personally, the way I was taught to think about power and privilege has influenced the way I think, act, and respond. I feel very grateful for my experience with OCDC, and for the friends I made through it.