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## USPAK EVENTS

### Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques Workshop



USPAK Foundation and Farmington Valley American Muslim Center (FVAMC) organized a day long workshop for school children on "**Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques**" at FVAMC facility in Avon CT. At this workshop students learned about

- Developing Leadership skills
- Creative solutions to problems and social conflicts
- Methods to resolve Internal conflicts
- Skills on how to deal with bullying, in and outside of the classroom

[Mehlaqa Samdani](#), Director [Critical Connections](#), MA and [Dr. William Howe](#), State Title IX Coordinator, [CT State Department of Education](#) made presentations and trained students on the needed skills. USPAK is thankful to the two pro bono presenters who took time from their busy schedules and travelled to the facility on their own.



More than fifty children of middle, high and college age attended the workshop. Madina Academy of Windsor brought their children for field trip to attend this workshop. Dr. Atique Azam Mirza member Board of Directors USPAK Foundation and FVAMC conducted the workshop. Dr. Bill Howe and Mrs. Mehlaqa Samadani engaged the children during their talks in a very effective manner. Children participated very interactively in the workshop. The children enjoyed the pizza at lunch. They had ice cream after having more than an hour of fun time with basketball, football and kids games at near by Thompson Brook school of Avon. Dr. Khamis Abu-

Hasaballah president Farmington Valley American Muslim Center and Dr. Inam Kureshi Chairman Department of Neurosurgery at Hartford Hospital also addressed the children to encourage them for their leadership skills. Dr. Saud Anwar chairman USPAK Board of Directors and Councilman for the Town of South Windsor awarded the certificates amongst the children.

Special thanks for organizing this event to **Ramla Sheikh, Faraz Mirza, Mohsin Mirza, Atique Mirza, Saud Anwar, Faiza Kaukab and Sajid Khan** for providing ice cream.

For more pictures about this event visit [USPAK photo gallery](#).

*This event was co sponsored by Critical Connections and Farmington Valley Muslim Center.*

## News

**Pakistan's Vision for Peace, Stability, and Development**



On October 22, USIP hosted an address by the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, in his first public speaking engagement with the Washington policy community since becoming Prime Minister for the third time in June 2013. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, visiting Washington for the first time since his party won the general election in May, made a pitch for more foreign investment and trade links, saying he's determined to tackle the domestic and

regional security problems that hamper economic growth and development. Addressing an audience at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), Sharif promised "reforms at home and a new direction in our foreign policy." Pakistan is "determined to transform our relations with friends around the world, but more importantly, with our immediate neighbors." [Read More](#)

### Pragmatism, not grand gestures, should guide Sharif By Khurram Husain

As Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif prepares to sit down with President Barack Obama on Wednesday, he might want to look to history for guidance.

Almost a quarter century ago, newly elected Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto [visited Washington DC](#), where she was received like a celebrity. There was an address to a joint sitting of Congress, a commencement address at Harvard University and a dinner at the White House in her honor. In her address to Congress, Bhutto repeatedly emphasized her democratic credentials, and tapped into the triumphalist mood sweeping Western capitals as the disintegration of the Soviet Union gathered pace. She also underlined the common purpose between her country and her hosts as the war in Afghanistan drew to a close, describing both countries as "friends and partners, who have fought, side by side, in the cause of liberty." [Read More](#)

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## Jobs

### Foreign Service Information Management Technical Specialist

State Department is looking to recruit a limited number of Foreign Service Information Management Technical Specialists-Unified Communications. Applications will close on November 13, 2013. Applications may only be submitted electronically through the "Gateway to State" system. To access the system please go to [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov)

### Foreign Service Security Technical Specialist

State Department is currently accepting applications for Security Technical Specialist. Click <http://careers.state.gov/specialist/vacancy-announcements/sts> for more information, and to start the Gateway to State online application process via USAJobs.

**Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is November 20, 2013.**

Security Technical Specialists provide support and assist in worldwide technical security programs. These programs for which you will give overall program management, maintenance and support, provide protection for Department of State facilities and personnel from technical espionage, acts of terrorism, and crime.

Potential applicants are strongly urged to read the entire vacancy announcement to ensure they meet all of the requirements for this position, and fully understand the special circumstances involving a career in the Foreign Service before applying. **All applicants must be U.S. citizens, be available for worldwide service, be at least 20 years old to apply and at least 21 years of age to be appointed, and be able to obtain all required medical, security and suitability clearances.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Domestic Barriers to Dismantling the Militant Infrastructure in Pakistan

Please join USIP at 2301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC for a panel discussion on Monday November 4 that marks the launch of this monograph.

- Moderated by Andrew Wilder, Vice President, South and Central Asia, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Panelists:
  - Thomas Lynch, *Distinguished Research Fellow*  
Center for Strategic Research, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University
  - Daniel Markey, *Senior Fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia*  
Council on Foreign Relations
  - Stephen Tankel, *Assistant Professor*  
Department of Law, Justice, and Society, American University

### Help Us Help You

USPAK is a volunteer organization working for the betterment of Pakistani Americans. Our efforts are focused on developing future leaders of our country from within our community. We also work to address issues of concern of our community, ranging from immigration, civil liberties, religious freedom, and socio-economic development of Pakistani American community.

It is through help of supporters like you that we are able carry on our vision promoting the ambitions and aspirations of Pakistani Americans. Your support today can ensure that Pakistani Americans have a place at the table, as we shape the policies on immigration, the economy and civil rights. You can help build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

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