

Child Protection Mediation A Professional Certification Workshop

**February 27, 28, 29,
2008**

Workshop Costs:

Registration Fee: \$600

Note: The fee for this workshop is subsidized by the Child Welfare Secretariat of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Schedule:

Feb. 27 Wednesday **9am-5pm**

Feb. 28 Thursday **9am-5pm**

Feb. 29 Friday **9am-5pm**

Prerequisites for Attending:

The workshop is open to:

- (1) mediators with accreditation from the Ontario Association of Family Mediation or certification as family mediation specialists by the ADR Institute or Family Mediation Canada **OR**
- (2) people with a professional degree or diploma in human services and who have completed a minimum 60 hours of family mediation training, including 20 hours of skills training, and 10 family mediation cases mediated to an agreement.

Location: McMaster University
Downtown Centre, Hamilton,
Ontario (corner of Main and John
Sts.) For directions to our location,
go to
<http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/downtown.cfm>

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McMaster University, in conjunction with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, is offering an approved professional training workshop on child protection mediation.

The 2006 Amendment to the *Child and Family Services Act* has paved the way to resolving child protection cases through collaborative inclusive solutions, such as child protection mediation. These new measures require children's aid societies to consider alternative dispute resolution processes, such as child protection mediation, in situations where a child may be in need of protection.

This 3-day course will focus on the issues involved in child protection mediation in Ontario and enhance your knowledge and skills. Those who pass the course are eligible to apply for the OAFM Child Protection Mediator Roster. For information on this program, visit: www.oafm-cpmed.ca.

The workshop will be taught using a combination of lectures, group discussions and relevant, hands-on practice through case examples, scenarios, roleplays and skills exercises. Participants will be evaluated through instructor observation and a written knowledge test. To successfully complete the course, participants must achieve a passing grade in both components.

Workshop Leader

Maggie Hall, MSW, RSW, is an Accredited Family Mediator (OAFM). Ms. Hall co-authored the Mandatory Child Protection Curriculum and taught the inaugural program at the University of Toronto in 2007. Maggie was part of the comprehensive mediation pilot project in Ontario. Maggie is the Director of The Mediation Centre of Hamilton and is currently completing her LLM (ADR) at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Areas of Skill Development

- Understanding of a model for mediation in child protection cases
- Knowledge of communications and emotion management skills in the child protection context
- Appreciation of the *Child and Family Services Act*, and its changes in the recent past.

Application Process:

There is a provincially-centralized application screening process for these courses. All applications must be received by February 13, 2008.

- **Applicants who meet the prerequisites** should submit their application form by e-mail to: debbie.hoover@senecac.on.ca.
- **Applicants who are not accredited** by OAFM or certified as family mediation specialists by FMC or the ADR Institute will need to **1)** submit your application by e-mail and **2)** send follow-up information by fax to: "Child Protection Mediation Application" 416-756-4360, attention Debbie Hoover.

Questions on this process? Please email Debbie Hoover at the address above, or, if urgent, call Lisa Somers at 416-491-5050 ext. 2518.