

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28 2010

Waterloo, Ontario

Approved by the Ministry of Children & Youth Services

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, role plays 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.

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.

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.

Mandatory Application Screening Process:

There is a provincially-centralized application screening process for these workshops. **Before** submitting workshop registration and fee payment, each potential student must complete the *application screening form* on the OAFM website: <http://www.oafm-cpmed.ca/Registration/Form/index.html> and submit to susan_smallwood@carleton.ca. This applies to those who meet either prerequisite above. **DUE DATE for APPLICATION SCREENING to attend the Waterloo workshop DECEMBER 15th 2009.** Participants considering this training but unable to attend the upcoming workshop are encouraged to submit paperwork in order to obtain pre-approval for future workshops.

Waterloo Workshop Details

Workshop Leader: Maggie Hall, MSW, RSW, LLM, AccFM(OAFM), CPMed

Maggie has been a mediator for almost 25 years. She co-wrote the Child Protection Mediation Curriculum and taught the inaugural course. Maggie has mediated more than 150 child protection cases and is regularly asked to provide training or to speak on the topic of child protection mediation both provincially and internationally.

Workshop Schedule:

February 26, 27, & 28
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9am – 5pm

Workshop Costs:

Registration Fee: \$600 (Visa, Mastercard or cheque made payable to Conrad Grebel University College)

Workshop Location:

Conrad Grebel University College
(University of Waterloo)
140 Westmount Road N
Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6

Workshop Registration & Payment after confirmation of approval from Susan Smallwood to:

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Registration form for February CPM workshop at <http://www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/certificate/registration.shtml>