

## Upcoming Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Training

*For professionals working with families experiencing challenges post-separation*

*Winter/Spring 2017 - Charlottetown, PE*

The Family Law Section of the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Steering Committee of the Prince Edward Island Parenting Coordination Society in conjunction with the Prince Edward Island Law Foundation are pleased to invite you to a series of **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) trainings** for those working with high-conflict families. The trainings will be of interest to all professionals working with families in conflict but will be of particular interest to those interested in the emerging field of Parenting Coordination.

**These trainings will be of interest to lawyers, social workers, psychologist, mental health professionals, mediators and other professionals who work with families experiencing challenges related to parenting after separation.**

### **1. Family Mediation**

This 5-day training will cover the essentials of interest-based family mediation. While the context of the training is family mediation, the skills are easily translatable to any context where there is a need for individuals to resolve conflict.

You will learn five modes of conflict handling and their uses; conflict self-awareness; communication skills for interest-based process; fundamental principles, benefits and applications of mediation; roles and responsibilities of a mediator; 6 step mediation process; and how to prepare yourself and your parties for mediation and co-mediation.

This training will satisfy the family mediation training requirements for professionals interested in incorporating Parenting Coordination into their practice.

Instructor: Kirstin Lund

Dates: February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Saint Peters Cathedral, 7 All Souls Lane, Charlottetown

Cost \$590

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### **2. Family Arbitration**

This 2-day course is intended to provide a basic level overview of the legislation, case law, procedural steps, ethical dilemmas and practical aspects of family arbitration as it relates to the practice of Parenting Coordination. The trainers will use lectures, presentations, case studies, group discussion, demonstration, and role play.

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Instructors: Hilary Linton and Elizabeth Hyde

Dates: March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Cost: TBA

Location: Saint Peters Cathedral, 7 All Souls Lane, Charlottetown

*This training is presented in conjunction with the Law Society of PEI and CBA-PEI. Stay tuned for cost and registration details the week of February 6, 2017.*

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### **3. Parenting Coordination for Practitioners**

This training will provide those interested in the practice of Parenting Coordination with an overview of the Parenting Coordination process from intake to the successful completion of the Parenting Coordination process. Topics to be covered include intake and screening for domestic violence, creating an agenda for the family you are working with, fine-tuning parenting plans, Telehealth, license issues, the provision of electronic services, and interjurisdictional issues.

Instructor: Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler

Dates: June 2017

Cost: TBA

Location: TBA (Charlottetown)

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### **About the Trainings:**

The above trainings are designed to be very engaging and interactive with opportunities for participants engage in learning through large and small group discussions, role plays, individual reflection in order to participants to not only gain a better understanding the material presented but to further develop the skills required to work with families experiences challenges related to parenting from two homes. Space size is limited so register early.

### **Trainer Biographies**

**Hilary Linton, J.D., LL.M., Cert. F. Med., President and Founder Riverdale Mediation Ltd., and mediate393 inc.**, is a Toronto lawyer whose firm Riverdale Mediation Ltd. provides mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, training and consulting services. She also is the President of mediate393 inc. which delivers family mediation and information services at Toronto's Superior and Provincial Courts of Justice. Hilary is a

frequent adjunct professor at the U.W.O. Faculty of Law, teaching Family Law Dispute Resolution. She is a two-time recipient of the James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law. She also has taught Family Dispute Resolution in the LL.M. (Family Law) program at Osgoode Hall Law School. Hilary is often retained for specialized mediation, negotiation and arbitration workshops for legal professionals, government Ministries and Agencies, faith communities, corporations and community groups. She also designs and delivers a wide range of workshops for lawyers, mediators and arbitrators, including accreditation-eligible and Law Society accredited programs in mediation, arbitration, power imbalances in mediation and arbitration, and family law. Her current research and teaching focus is on developing better processes for use by FDR professionals when assessing dynamics of negotiation power, prior to making dispute resolution process choices.

**Elizabeth Hyde, B.Ed., LL.B., LL.M., Acc. FM**, is the Principal of Medius Dispute Resolutions, the Executive Director of mediate393 inc. and an associated mediator, arbitrator and parenting coordinator with Riverdale Mediation Ltd. Elizabeth's practice is focused on providing effective and informed family mediation involving parenting plans, child and spousal support and property division. Through her work providing onsite and off-site mediation with mediate393 inc., she has developed expertise in working with high conflict families. She also is often referred comprehensive mediation cases from counsel who value her experience and balanced approach to mediation. Elizabeth's professional experience includes several years as a public school educator and seven years practicing family law in Toronto. She was the Director of Professional Development in a large national law firm for ten years, gaining cutting-edge experience in legal education trends and issues. Elizabeth received her Master of Laws (ADR) at Osgoode Hall Law School in 2013. She is currently an Adjunct Professor at Western University Law School and a sessional instructor in the LL.M. program at Osgoode Hall Law School. Elizabeth designs and delivers a range of training programs at Riverdale Mediation Ltd., including training designed for small groups of professionals. Elizabeth is the past chair of the ADR section of the Ontario Bar Association and is currently a member of the Child and Youth Law section executive. In addition to her ADR practice, Elizabeth designs training programs and dispute resolution processes to address issues of bullying in schools and communities.

**Kirstin Lund, B.A., LL.B.**, has offered services as a mediator, facilitator, and conflict resolution consultant and trainer since 1996. A founding faculty member of the UPEI Centre for Conflict Resolution Studies, Kirstin has designed and taught numerous courses in mediation, conflict resolution and communication and is a skills assessor for Family Mediation Canada's national certification program, under which she has been certified since its inception in 1998.

**Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., Acc.FM.**, is a registered clinical developmental psychologist and accredited mediator practicing in Ontario. Dr. Fidler has worked with high conflict separating and divorcing families conducting assessments, professional consultations, mediation, arbitration, therapy and parenting coordination for over 28 years. She provides training to judges, lawyers and mental health professionals; expert testimony; and has presented at numerous conferences. She is the co-author of four books: *Child Custody Assessments* (2008), *Challenging Issues in Child Custody Disputes* (2008), *Best Practice Guide: Responding to Emotional Harm & Parent-Child Contact Problems in High Conflict Separation* (2013), and *Children Who Resist Post-Separation Parental Contact: A Differential Approach for Legal and Mental Health Professionals* (2012). Dr. Fidler is on the editorial board of the *Family Court Review* and is co-editor of the 2010 special issue on parental alienation. She is co-founder of Family Solutions and maintains an independent practice. Dr. Fidler is Past-President of AFCC Ontario and currently sits on the Board of Directors of Overcoming Barriers.