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MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

The Mediation Centre, *Hamilton and Oakville Ontario*

- April 08 to present **Comprehensive Family Mediator**
- Private practice in family mediation services and child protection mediation services.
 - Provide on-site mediation services in various Family Courts
- 2002 – to April 08 **Mediator**
- Provide comprehensive family mediation services and child protection mediation services
 - Provide on-site mediation service in the Hamilton Family Court
- 1999-to April 08 **Information and Referral Coordinator**, in the Family Law Information Centre within the Superior Court of Justice, Hamilton Family Court
- Provide non-legal information on issues relating to separation, divorce and child protection, including information on the family court process.
 - Administer the *Seminar for Separated Parents* and lead this workshop with the focus of reducing conflict between parents on a regular basis

PROVIDE MEDIATION TRAINING

- 2013 & 2015 Ontario Association of Family Mediation
Instructor for Child Protection Mediation Training
- Provide instruction for three day training in Child Protection Mediation
- April 08 to present The Mediation Centre of Hamilton, *Hamilton Ontario*
Internship
- Provide mediation internships to aspiring mediators
- 2004-2009 McMaster University, The Centre for Continuing Education
Field Practicum Supervisor
- Provide supervision for over ten Family Mediation Diploma students while they are exposed to actual mediation practices through observation and limited participation.
- 2006-2009 **Assistant Instructor**
- Assist in teaching a course called "Complex Issues in Family Mediation" including the topics of power imbalances, domestic violence and assisting students to refine and enhance their mediation skills in more complex family law disputes.

MEDIATION TRAINING

- 2018 **Insight Mediation / Domestic Violence**, two day OAFM annual conference.
- 2013 – 2018 **Annual “Domestic Violence and Mediation”**, one day training by Mediation North, the Mediation Centre Inc, and The Mediation Centre.
- 2017 **“Turning the Kaleidoscope of Family Conflict into a Prism of Harmony”**, three day annual AFCC conference.
- 2016 Child Protection ADR Symposium, **“Maximizing our Success: Critical Issues for Professionals in the Child Protection ADR Sector”**.
- 2016 **Openness Adoption Training**, two day training by OAFM CP Med.
- 2015 **“Children in the Court System”**, annual AFCC conference
- 2014 **“Child Protection Mediation”**, one day professional development by OAFM CP Med.
- 2013 **“The Attachment Puzzle”**, Gordon Neufeld, Ph.D. hosted by Niagara Chapter of the OASW
- 2013 **“Mediating with High Conflict Parents”**, William A. Eddy, one day training by OAFM Child Protection Mediation
- 2012 Qualified Course Instructor for Child Protection Mediation Training through Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- 2012 **“Elder Mediation Training Part 1”**, three day workshop by M.P. Donihee and Elizabeth Sherritt.
- 2011 **“Cultural Competency, Diversity, Anti-Racism/ Anti-Oppression In Mental Health / Addiction”**, two day workshop through Across Boundaries.
- 2009 **“Working with Families and Addiction”** and **“Counselling Techniques in Addiction Practice”**, two certificate courses through the Centre for Continuing Education, McMaster University
- 2008 **“Fitting the Forum to the Family”**, Three day AFCC conference in Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2006 **“Child Protection Mediation Training”**, Three day training commissioned by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- 2006 **“Divorce Poison: Clinical and Legal Considerations Working with Families of Alienated Children”**, A one day symposium for Mental Health and Legal Professionals, Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 **“Reaching the Pinnacle of Practice”**, Three day AFCC conference, workshops include “Domestic Abuse and High Conflict Families” and “Parenting Coordination”

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2010 to 2012 **Family Program Coordinator**, Hope Place Outpatient Centre, Oakville. (provide counselling and education services to people affected by another person's drug or alcohol addiction)
- 1992-1993 **Unplanned Pregnancy Worker**, Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region, Adoption/ Unplanned Pregnancy Program
- 1986-1991 **Family Services Worker**, Metropolitan Toronto Children's Aid Society, Family Services Department
- 1986 & 1985 **Student Placement Officer**, Employment and Immigration Canada, Canada Employment Centre for Students

EDUCATION

Addiction Careworker Diploma, McMaster University, the Centre for Continuing Education, (2012)

Family Mediation Diploma, McMaster University, the Centre for Continuing Education, 2001

Masters of Social Work, Family and Child Specialization, 1986
University of Toronto

Bachelor of Arts, Music Major, 1983
University of Western Ontario

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW)
- Member of the Ontario Child Protection Mediation Roster Program (OCPMR)
- Accredited Member of Ontario Association of Family Mediators (OAFM)
- Member of Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of the Attorney General/ Milton Courthouse, 2010 to present

- Volunteer presenter at Mandatory Information Program

The John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin, 2008 to 2011

- Community volunteer on the Halton Youth Justice Committee