

The USF Conflict Resolution Collaborative

Presents

FAMILY MEDIATION CERTIFICATION TRAINING

February 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20, 2010

Tampa, Florida

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Family Mediation Certification Training

Family Mediation is increasingly being utilized as a means to more humanely and more effectively resolve the disputes that often arise during and after divorce. This course is approved by the Florida Supreme Court and the Association for Conflict Resolution and combines lectures, discussion and role playing to promote comprehensive understanding and practical skills development in the growing field of family mediation.

Continuing Education Credits

This course is approved by the Florida Bar (#63038) for 48 general CLER credits, including 5 hours of ethics.

USF Health is an approved provider (BAP #433 ex. 3/31/11) of continuing education credit for clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling. This program has been reviewed and approved for up to 48 contact hours.

The University of South Florida College of Medicine is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The University of South Florida College of Medicine maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This activity is offered for up to 40 hours of continuing education credit.

USF Health is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

USF Health designates this educational activity for a maximum of 40 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The University of South Florida College of Nursing is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity is for 40 contact hours.

The family mediation course qualifies for 24 technical business hours and 16 behavioral CPE Credits for Florida certified public accountants. Written proof of attendance will be provided.

Location

The course will be held on the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida. Exact location and directions will be sent with registration confirmation. For help with directions, call (813) 974-4296 during regular working hours.

Course Schedule

February - Thursday	11 th	Noon - 5:00 pm
Friday	12 th	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	13 th	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	18 th	Noon - 5:00 pm
Friday	19 th	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	20 th	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Objectives

As a result of participating in this activity, learners should be able to:

- Understand Family Mediation Theory, Process, Techniques and Ethics
- Appreciate the Needs of Children and Psychological Issues in Divorce
- Be Familiar with Financial, Tax, Legal and Court Process Issues of Divorce
- Learn Communication Skills, Community Resources and Referral Processes

Upcoming Programs

Parenting Coordination Training

January 21, 22 & 23, 2010

This 24-hour course trains mental health professionals to work with the court and assist high conflict divorced and divorcing parents to successfully implement their parenting plan.

Circuit Civil Mediation Certification Training

March 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2010

Approved by the Florida Supreme Court, this 40-hour course meets the training requirement for certification as a circuit civil mediator to mediate civil cases such as contract, real estate, construction, personal injury and product liability disputes.

Dependency Mediation Certification Training

April 2010

This 40-hour Florida Supreme Court approved program meets the training requirement for certification as a dependency mediator to mediate cases involving child abuse and neglect, foster care, and termination of parental rights.

Negotiating & Mediating Healthcare Disputes

May 2010

This two day course trains mediators, healthcare professionals, and healthcare administrators to effectively utilize negotiation, mediation, and other conflict resolution techniques to better resolve a wide range of healthcare disputes.

Domestic Violence & Mediation: The Basics & Beyond

Online Course Available at www.crc.usf.edu

This on-line, videotape presentation qualifies for 4.4 hours of continuing mediation education credit and 4-5 hours of CMEs/CEUs for physicians, mental health professionals, and nurses. Visit www.crc.usf.edu for more details and course registration.

Primary Trainer

Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., is Director of the USF Conflict Resolution Collaborative and served as Vice Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee for seven years. He has been a practicing mediator for twenty-five years and is a Family Mediation Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution; a practicing Florida Supreme Court certified family, dependency, circuit court and county court mediator; and a licensed psychologist. Dr. Firestone serves on the Editorial Board of *Family Court Review* and has previously served on the Boards of Directors of the Academy of Family Mediators and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. He is Past President of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and recipient of the 2002 Association for Conflict Resolution Presidential Award. Dr. Firestone has lectured and published widely in the field of mediation and is coauthor of *Mediation Works: Make it Work for You*, a family mediation orientation video produced by the Florida Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Center.

Faculty

Wesley Pardue, Esq., is a family law attorney and a certified family mediator in Tampa, Florida. Previously Mr. Pardue has served as General Master in the Family Law Division of the 13th Judicial Circuit and as a Chief Trial Attorney for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. Mr. Pardue has also participated in the development of dependency mediation rules later adopted by the Florida Supreme Court.

Elizabeth A. Townes, CPA, is a certified public accountant, a Florida Supreme Court certified family mediator, and a certified valuation analyst. Ms. Townes has a Master's in Business Administration and her private practice includes forensic accounting and family mediation.

Paul McGuire, Esq., is Director of the Mediation and Diversion Program in the 13th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He is a certified dependency, family, civil, and county court mediator.

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