

FOUNDATIONS OF PARENTING COORDINATION

Small Group Virtual Training - March 9, 10, 23 & 24 2023

Guest Speaker, Lawyer

Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., AccFM, FDRP PC & Shely Polak, Ph.D., RSW, AccFM

This 4-day introductory course is a *small group* virtual training opportunity (Zoom "meeting" format) suitable for mental health professionals, mediators and lawyers interested in practicing parenting coordination. No previous experience or knowledge of parenting coordination is required. The curriculum complies with FDRIO and AFCC PC Guidelines (2019) for trainers. Using interactive exercises, role plays, case examples, and small group focused discussion, the following topics are covered:

- ❖ roles & functions of the parenting coordinator
- ❖ research update on parenting coordination
- ❖ social science literature & research on topics relevant to working with high conflict separated/divorced parents: the impact of separation/divorce and parent conflict on children & adolescents; risk/resiliency factors; models of coparenting; parenting styles & effectiveness; and parent-child contact problems)
- ❖ nuts & bolts of the parenting coordination process: responding to initial queries; referral management; intake; informed consent & contracting, review of PC Agreement; parent education, consensus building phase (conflict-resolution, coparenting work, facilitation & negotiation); specialized skills for working with high conflict coparenting; case management; involvement of collateral sources; and, arbitration process (relevant arbitration legislation & regulations, procedures & writing of awards)
- ❖ professional guidelines & training requirements; ethical issues, tricky issues & lessons learned(ing)
- ❖ involvement of children (1/2 day): risk & benefits of including children in dispute resolution processes; research overview on children's involvement, reliability of child reports, interviewing protocols

Materials Provided: *Parenting Coordination Agreement*, comprehensive reading list, power point handout, comprehensive set of forms, checklists & tools relevant to referral, screening, intake, consensus building and decision making/arbitration phases, seminal articles, & more.



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Approved by The Law Society of Upper Canada for 18.5 CPD credits (.5 Professionalism and 18 Substantive) and accredited by FDRIO and OPA

Registration Fee: \$1,600.00 + \$208.00 (HST) = \$1,808.00 (CAD)

"Excellent! I learned so much... The way you convey your knowledge was very well organized and kept me interested and eager to learn more."

Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., AccFM, FDRP PC - is a clinical developmental psychologist in private practice and founding member of Families Moving Forward. She has worked with separating/divorcing families for over 35 years providing mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, clinical consultations, legal-litigation expert services (testimonial and non-testimonial) and therapy with adults, children, couples and families. Dr. Fidler presents frequently at conferences, and has published numerous articles, chapters and four books. She has received the FDRIO, Crowe Soberman Award of Excellence in 2017, AFCC-O 10 in 10 Award of Excellence in Family Justice in 2018 AFCC John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award in 2019 and AFCC Tim Salus President's Award in 2020. She is past president of AFCC-O and was on the AFCC taskforce charged with developing the Parenting Coordination Guidelines.

Dr. Polak is a registered social worker and accredited family mediator with 13 years of experience working with parents involved in high conflict coparenting dynamics post-separation/divorce. Dr. Polak is the clinical director of a private practice specializing in providing forensic clinical services including: parenting plan evaluations, family mediation, voice of the child reports, parenting coordination, multi-faceted family therapy with families experiencing parent-child contact problems and other therapeutic services for children and families impacted by divorce. She has published peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences on topics related to families involved high conflict. Dr. Polak is past president of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Ontario. She serves as adjunct faculty at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto.

REGISTRATION FORM

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9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., AccFM., FDRP PC & Shely Polak, RSW, Ph.D., AccFM

NAME: _____

(how you wish your name to appear on your certificate)

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May we share your contact information with the other attendees: ☐ YES ☐ NO

How did you hear about this seminar? _____.

If offered, would you prefer to attend the training in person? _____

List your educational background (Please enclose your CV):

Identify any courses on parenting coordination or related topics you may have taken:

List your work and/or clinical experience: _____

Registration Fee: \$1,600.00 + \$208.00 (HST) = \$1,808.75 (CAD)

Cancellation Policy: Refund less \$75.00 Administration Fee for written notice of withdrawal received up to 7 working days prior to the course. No refund for withdrawal received after that date. Substitution of registrant or credit for future training permissible.

SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM, CV & ETRANSFER TO:

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Please set the security password to - training.

Certificates of Attendance will be provided.

Visit <http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca> (section on information for arbitrators) for information on legal requirements to conduct family arbitration in Ontario.

Visit <http://www.fdrio.ca> about optional certification.