

# CHILDREN RESISTING CONTACT POST-SEPARATION: CONCEPTS, CONTROVERSIES, ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION

*Small Group Virtual Training - April 4, 11 & 18, 2024*

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This small group virtual training opportunity (Zoom “meeting” format) is suitable for therapists, parenting plan evaluators, mediators, parenting coordinators & child protection workers. Using case examples, media, interactive exercises, and small group focused discussion, topics covered include:

- ❖ differentiated spectrum of parent-child contact problems - affinities, alignments, justified rejection (realistic estrangement), alienation & hybrid cases
- ❖ research on the impact of alienation on children, adolescents & young adults
- ❖ clinical screening, intake & assessment using multi-factor model
- ❖ differentiated clinical & trauma-informed interventions for mild & moderate cases
- ❖ role of the court, legal remedies & necessary components for court order
- ❖ nuts & bolts of family systems-based interventions (Multi-Faceted Family Therapy) for mild & some moderate cases, including initial query & referral management, clinical screening & intake protocols, informed consent process & service agreement, psycho-educational tools & clinical interventions, strategies & techniques.

**Materials provided include:** power point handout; seminal articles; sample clinical intake questionnaires, informed consent service agreement and sample court orders; resources for screening/intake and suitability analysis and intervention tool kit including parent education handouts and more.

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**Registration Fee: \$1275.00 + \$165.75 (HST\*) = \$1,440.75 (CAD)**

*"I found the workshop excellent in every way. The knowledge was current. The articles provided very helpful. Resources recommended very helpful. The presenters were excellent." "Very helpful - I have a lot more tools for doing this work. I'm inspired!"*

*"I received so much material that I will incorporate into my practice and gained so much helpful knowledge. Thank you. Fantastic training. I wish I did it sooner!"*

**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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