

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

3.5 Days Small Group Virtual Training

November 13 (4-7pm), 20, & 27, & December 11, 2026 (9a.m. – 5p.m.)

Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych, Acc.FM & Shely Polak, R.S.W., Ph.D., Acc.FM

Guest Speaker: Linda Popielarczyk, R.S.W. Acc.FM.

This small group interactive training opportunity (Zoom “meeting” format) is suitable for therapists, parenting plan evaluators, mediators, parenting coordinators & child protection workers. Lawyers will benefit from the first day and a half:

- ❖ controversy, consensus, and current landscape
- ❖ mitigating cognitive biases
- ❖ multi-causal vs single causal model for understanding parent-child contact problems
- ❖ differentiated spectrum of parent-child contact problems - affinities, alignments, justified rejection (realistic estrangement), alienation & hybrid cases
- ❖ research: impact of alienation & intervention outcomes
- ❖ clinical screening and intake using multi-factor assessment model
- ❖ differentiated clinical & trauma-informed interventions for mild & moderate cases
- ❖ legal & clinical remedies for the most severe cases: custody reversal & “say goodbye for now”
- ❖ role of the court: early intervention and case management
- ❖ nuts & bolts of family systems-based interventions (family reunification therapy) for mild & some moderate cases, including initial query/referral management, clinical screening/intake assessment protocols and tools, suitability analysis steps, informed consent process/agreements, court orders for therapy, establishing & measuring goal attainment, and psycho-educational tools & clinical interventions

Materials: power point handout; seminal articles; sample forms (intake, informed consent), sample court orders; assessment tools (decision trees for screening/intake and suitability analysis), and intervention tool kit including parent education handouts, media links, and much more!

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Registration Fee: \$1,500.00 + \$195.00 (HST) = \$1,695.00 (CAD) (e-transfer/cheque)

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"I found the workshop excellent. The knowledge was current and the resources very helpful. The presenters were engaging. I have many more tools for doing this work. I'm inspired!"

"This was the most comprehensive material I have encountered in a workshop. Case material and experiences from presenters were invaluable. Fantastic training. I wish I did it sooner!"

Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., AccFM – is a clinical developmental psychologist in private practice, who has worked with separating/divorcing families for over 40 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.

Shely Polak, PhD, MSW, RSW, AccFM. - provides services for families impacted by separation/divorce, including therapy, mediation, s.30 assessments, parenting coordination, family reunification therapy and other forensic services. She offers internships in mediation, s.30 assessments and parenting coordination. Dr. Polak has published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals and frequently speaks at international conferences.

REGISTRATION FORM

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