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Family Mediation Canada
Médiation Familiale Canada
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FMC is a national, charitable organization

VISION: EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY MEDIATION

MISSION: Family Mediation Canada is dedicated to the promotion of mediation and other forms of non-adversarial resolution for family-related conflicts. FMC supports the ongoing development of excellence and professionalism within its organization and in mediation practice

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a Canadian forum for the exchange of ideas, experiences, research and opportunities relating to all aspects of family mediation and dispute resolution through newsletters, conferences and seminars
- To develop and encourage adherence to a Code of Ethics and Standards of practice
- To support training and continuing education programs.
- To conduct research into all areas of family dispute resolution
- To provide information, resources and services to, and consult with, provincial and national mediation and ADR organizations, the public, government and FMC members
- To inform the Canadian public about the advantages of mediation

Our members include private mediators, court-based mediators, judges, lawyers, social workers, human services, health care, and other professionals.

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL AFFILIATES

- Alberta Mediation Society
- Association de Médiation Familiale du Québec
- Family Mediation Association of the Northwest Territories
- Family Mediation Manitoba
- Family Mediation New Brunswick Inc
- Family Mediation Nova Scotia
- Mediation Newfoundland/Labrador
- Mediation Prince Edward Island
- Mediation Saskatchewan
- Mediation Yukon
- Ontario Association for Family Mediation

For information on how to contact these affiliates, to order brochures, or to join FMC, please contact us.

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FAMILY MEDIATION…

is defined as a cooperative, problem solving process in which a qualified, neutral third party - the mediator - assists mediation participants to resolve their disputes by mutual agreement (from the FMC Code of Professional Conduct).

IN MEDIATION…

You and your spouse work together with a professional mediator to reach agreement on:

- how and when to separate
- parenting plans
- child and spousal support
- division of property
- other important issues

With the help of the mediator, all options available and relevant to the situation will be discussed in a respectful and open way.

Through mediation the participants are encouraged to separate their spousal role, which is ending, from their parental role, which is continuing. Clients learn how to assess their present financial situation and how to provide for their future needs.

FINDING A MEDIATOR…

Mediators are professionals with specific training in mediation, who come from a variety of backgrounds including law, social work, education and psychology. Mediation services are offered by private practice mediators, a number of mental health and human services agencies and, in some areas of the country, through government funded court-related services. Mediators in private practice charge an hourly rate, which is usually shared by both spouses.

Please see the back of this brochure for provincial/territorial affiliate associations. Or, contact Family Mediation Canada for a list of mediators near you.
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JOIN FMC AND BENEFIT

FMC Public Suppporter Membership

- Private, online support groups
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- A toll-free information line
- Child-centred mediation information
- Resources for managing life after separation
- Help books and activities for children

All of the above for only $20/year

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YOUR LAWYER'S ROLE…

Every family mediator has an ongoing obligation to advise participants of the desirability and availability of independent legal advice. While neutral legal information may be made available to the participants, each should be encouraged, and in appropriate circumstances, may be required, to obtain independent legal advice.

The mediator does not take the place of lawyers. Each party is encouraged to obtain independent legal advice throughout the mediation process, and participants may review their final mediated agreement with their lawyers prior to signing.

THE MEDIATOR'S ROLE…

The mediator's role is that of a facilitator, i.e., to assist the participants to reach an informed and voluntary agreement that meets their mutual needs, interests and concerns, and those of other persons affected by the dispute.

The mediator has a responsibility to promote the participants' awareness of the interests of others affected by the dispute and by the proposed agreement and to assist the participants to consider the separate and individual needs of such other persons.

Mediation **is not** marriage counselling – that is for couples who want to get back together again. Mediation **is** a way for you and your spouse to continue working together, to solve the new issues that come with separation.

THE BENEFITS OF MEDIATION…

The goal of family mediation is a fair and workable agreement that meets the participants' mutual needs and interests, not a settlement at any cost.

Mediation:

- promotes communication and cooperation
- allows you to control the decisions that affect your life
- is typically less costly than litigation
- benefits children and others by reducing conflict
- is confidential, avoiding public disclosure of personal problems

Family Mediation Canada is a non-profit association, which provides information and referral service to the public, and offers support and training for its membership of mediators across Canada. All members practice under FMC's Code of Professional Conduct.