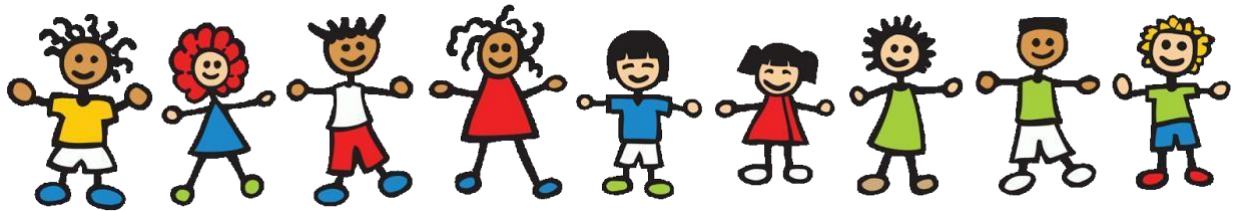


**MEETING AND INTERVIEWING CHILDREN
VOICE OF THE CHILD
12 STEP VOICE OF THE CHILD REPORTS**

**Learn HOW to Meet and Interview Children
Learn HOW to Complete the 12 Step VCR
Add these specialized skills to your practice!**



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12:

1. Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.
2. For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.

As family professionals, we have a duty to ensure that children's voices are heard when important decisions are made about their lives. Yet, involving children in family decision-making can be a complex exercise and must be approached with great sensitivity and care. This training will provide you with the tools and practical skills you need to take on this role.

This course offers advanced skill building for family mediators, child protection mediators, parenting coordinators, lawyers with a clinical background, Office of the Children's Lawyer clinical agents and lawyers, social workers, psychologists, child protection workers, collaborative law child and family consultants, and clinical assessors.

Become a specialist! Learn how to meet and interview children for the purpose of FDR services to bring the child's voice forward in the process. This is a non-directive and non-evaluative process that is about sharing the child's voice with the parents and professionals involved. Learn how to interview children for the purpose of obtaining children's views and preferences to be able to offer this unique service in family law cases, family dispute resolution, and child protection cases.

Learn About:

12 Step Voice of the Child Reports

Best Practice Guidelines

Overview of child development, children's communication and children's special needs

Up-to-date research on the child's voice in FDR.

Introduction to the Models of Meeting with Children within the context of FDR

Defining Roles, Purpose and Parameters
Setting up the Context and Consents
Preparing the Parents
Managing the Process
Gathering Baseline Information
Engaging Children and Parents
Meeting with Children
Interviewing Children
Practice Skills
Closure
Follow up with parents and child
Child's Voice in Parenting Plans

Your trainers: Debra Rodrigues Director of PCCS Mediators & Counsellors, Dr. Daniel Ashbourne Executive Director of London Family Court Clinic, Dr. Kimberly Harris Executive Assistant Director London Family Court Clinic, Martha Héder (MAG/OCL), The Honourable Justice Clay (OCJ) and at times guest speakers.

THREE DAY COURSE (21 hours):

Course Fee:

Early Bird Price up to 15 days in advance of the course date \$1214.75 (\$1075.00 plus HST)

Regular Rate: \$1200.00 for three days plus HST = \$1356.00 Includes:

12 Step Package on USB and snacks/lunch included.

April 2-4 2020 Oshawa

November 2-4 2020 London

April 15-17 2021 Barrie

Limited Online Learning Registrations Available

Limited Registration!

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