



PERMANENCY MEDIATION

Make a difference in the life of a child

Children's Services of Roxbury – Massachusetts Families for Kids' Permanency Mediation is an advanced mediation model that uses **two** unique approaches to mediate a permanent plan for a child in foster care. The Family Consultation Team (FCT©) approach is used for child custody cases referred early in the court process. Using *concurrent planning and family group conferencing strategies*, the FCT© process addresses what needs to occur for the child to return home while simultaneously considering an alternative permanent plan (guardianship or adoption) if reunification is not possible. The FCT© team unites parents, extended family, kin, social workers, attorneys and other service providers in a non-adversarial permanency planning process facilitated by a trained mediator. If an alternative permanent goal is established for the child, the permanency mediator uses a cooperative process to facilitate building a relationship between parents and foster parents as they work together in developing a permanent plan for the child's future.

Training Program Design

Learn

- ★ Specific Permanency Mediation skill building in the Family Consultation Team process
- ★ Assessing the Child's needs for Safety, Support, Continuity of Relationships and Permanence
- ★ Developing partnerships for children's needs
- ★ Team Meeting facilitation skills
- ★ Clinical and legal issues involved in working with members of the adoption triad in child welfare cases.
- ★ Cooperative Open Adoption Agreement and Guardianship Agreement writing

The training emphasizes interactive participation and encourages "learning by doing." Training includes a mixture of theory and practice that enhances the skills of the trainees and provides a variety of learning techniques that reflect sensitivity to individual learning styles. Also included are role plays with individual feedback and group debriefing.

DATES AND TIME

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2009-Mashpee Town Hall

Friday, May 15, 2009- Mashpee Town Hall

Saturday, May 16, 2009-Mashpee Public High School

Monday, May 18, 2009- Mashpee Town Hall

Tuesday, May 19, 2009-Mashpee Town Hall

PRICE REDUCED: \$500.00 (Originally \$1500)

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