

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE TRAINING RESOURCES

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Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Team Training

August 14-16, 2008
60 Justin Street, Lilyfield NSW 2040

This three-day training is designed to educate all collaborative professionals on the dynamics, skill set and implementation of the full team model in a variety of settings.

CHANGING THE CULTURE OF CONFLICT BUILDING STRATEGIES FOR COOPERATION



The Advantage of Multiple Team Professionals in the Divorce Process

Emerging from the Collaborative Law Model, the unique advantage of the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Team Model is that all professional team members participate from the beginning and through all stages of the family transition.

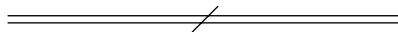
Collaborative Lawyer: Learn how to resolve the legal issues of transitioning families and assist your client in negotiating within the collaborative framework.

Collaborative Coach: Learn how to defuse and contain the emotional aspects and improve the negotiations of individuals and families in transition by improving communication skills.

Collaborative Child Specialist: Learn how to become the “voice of the child” for families in transition by conveying to parents the needs of children.

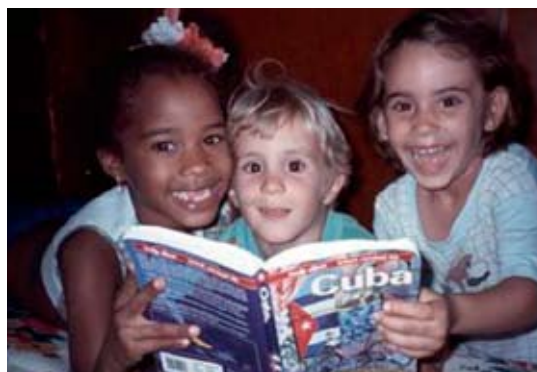
Collaborative Financial Specialist: Learn how to work as a neutral team member within the collaborative process regarding financial issues related to families in transition.

Effective teams are able to identify, raise and resolve issues in a way that integrates different perspectives. The team collectively has access to broader problem solving strategies to create a successful collaborative process using each professional’s skills and learning style.



GOAL: Long-term solutions to life-long relationships.

MISSION STATEMENT: Provide the context whereby couples can successfully resolve their divorce through a collaborative process, benefiting themselves, their children, their families and society as a whole.



Why Teach Conflict Resolution Skills?

Marital conflict is a more important predictor of child adjustment than is divorce itself or post-divorce conflict.

Joan B. Kelley, "Children's Adjustment in Conflicted Marriage and Divorce: A Decade Review of Research (August 2000) J. Am. Acad. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry.

The greatest protective factor for children is a good quality parent-child relationship with one (or two) healthy custodial parent(s).

Cameron, Nancy, Collaborative Practice: Deepening the Dialogue, pg. 83.



Do Families Need the Choice of an Interdisciplinary Team?

Yes! Using the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Team Model creates an environment in which constructive resolution of disputes is **most** likely to occur, gives children a voice in the process, and allows each professional to work within their area of competence therefore decreasing the overall cost of divorce.

This relationship transitioning approach has seen success with the broadest interpretation of family. This includes traditional, same sex, with or without children, and all ages.

HOW TO REGISTER

**MAIL REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO
International Collaborative Training Resources
P.O Box 197
Balmain, NSW 2041**

Cost for three-day course is \$1075.00

*Early bird registration before July 21, 2008 is **\$875.00***

We accept cheques and money orders

Full Name _____

Address _____

Profession _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Do you have any special needs? _____



Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided

This training meets International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)
Minimum Standards for a Collaborative Basic Training.

All sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate of completion.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Lawyers: Lawyers meeting CLE requirements in NSW may be able to claim 1 CLE point for each hour of the course if it is relevant to their professional needs and development. This course provides 18.5 hours of instruction.

Social & Health Professionals: Certificates of completion will be provided for submission to your professional board.

Financial Professionals: Certificates of completion will be provided for submission to your professional board.

We encourage all Dispute Resolution Practitioners to attend

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Course Facilitators:

John Carmody, RN (Aust), FACMHN, CCHP, F&CN UWS, CUCG is a Louisiana *qualified* mediator working in the areas of Juvenile/Child Advocacy Services, Divorce/Custody and Property Mediation, Juvenile Court Delinquency Mediation, and Collaborative Divorce both as a practitioner and trainer. He is a founding member of the Juvenile Mediation Council of LA, founding member of the Collaborative Professionals Group of Southeast LA and Collaborative Training Resources. He facilitates trainings in the United States and Australia. John is the Director of In Process Inc. and Co-Director of International Collaborative Training Resources. His recent presentations on Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce include: Family Relationships Australia Conference, Adelaide (2005), Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Meeting (2005) and IACP Core Collaborative Practice Skills Institute (2005). He is a Core/Couple Communication Instructor, a skill set used extensively in the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Team Model. He is considered a leader in trauma, PTSD and anger management services as well as consulting in the area of forensic and correctional health. He offers extensive services for adolescents and adults with ADHD and co-occurring disorders including substance abuse and personality disorders. John is chair of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Special Interest Group for Private Practice. He has a private mental health practice in Sydney, a boxing gym and enjoys speedway, music and spending time with his granddaughter, family and dog.

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Andrew Hoffman, FCA (England) CFP, CDFA has practiced as a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst since 1999. His expertise in helping clients avoid the common financial mistakes made by many divorcing couples was featured in the Investment Advisor “The Ties that Unbind” (February 2001) and the **Wall Street Journal** “How to Plan the Perfect Divorce” (February 2003) and “Cost of a Breakup” (July 2006). Andrew is a Regional Director of the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts and been a member of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners since 1996 and a Chartered Accountant (English equivalent of a CPA) since 1978. Andrew made presentations on Financial Issues related to Divorce in the United States, Australia and Canada. He has presented at the 2005 and 2007 International Conference of Collaborative Professionals, the Institute of Divorce Financial Analysts Conventions in 2003 through 2008, to Financial Planning Associations in Louisiana, Massachusetts, Texas and Iowa, the Baton Rouge, Slidell and 21st Judicial District Bar Associations in Louisiana and Conflict Resolution’s 1999 & 2000 family law mediation seminars,. Andrew was trained in Collaborative Divorce™ in April 2004 (New Orleans), and is a financial trainer on Louisiana and National Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce™ Training Teams. He currently is a Board Member and Treasurer of the Collaborative Divorce Professionals Group of Arizona and was Vice President (2005-2006) and is a Charter Member of the Collaborative Professionals Group of Southeast, Louisiana. He was featured in **The Times-Picayune** “Law may clear way for kinder, gentler divorces” (February 2004) and **Financial Advisor** “A Kinder Gentler Way to Divorce, (July 2005). Andrew can be reached at lacdfa@bellsouth.net, or through his website www.lacdfa.com (Louisiana phone 985-674-1120, Arizona phone 480-544-514). His brochure, “Financial Myths of Divorce” can be downloaded from the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of his website.

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Christine Lissard, RN, BSN, HN-BC, PCC is a Louisiana *qualified* mediator working in the areas of Juvenile/Child Advocacy Services, Divorce/Custody and Property Mediation, Juvenile Court Delinquency Mediation, and Collaborative Divorce both as a practitioner and trainer. In 2001, she acquired her mediation training from Loyola Law School. She is a founding member and serves as Chairperson of the Board of the Juvenile Mediation Council of LA, founding member of the Collaborative Professionals Group of Southeast LA and Collaborative Training Resources. She has facilitated trainings both in the United States and internationally. She is the Director of Synchronicity LLC and Co-Director of International Collaborative Training Resources. Deemed the “Queen of Organization: Ms. Lissard has developed and implemented the role of the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Team Manager. She has presented on Collaborative Divorce at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Meeting (2005), IACP Core Collaborative Practice Skills Institute (2005), International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Annual Meeting (2006) and is published in the Collaborative Review (Fall 2005), “If You Don’t Know Where You’re Going, You Might Not Get There: The Critical Role of the Collaborative Team Manager”. Ms. Lissard is a Core/Couple Communication Instructor which is extensively practiced in the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Team Model. Ms. Lissard is a 2003 Coach University Certified Graduate and an ICF (International Coach Federation) Professional Certified Coach (PCC). She is the founding member of the International Coach Federation -- New Orleans Chapter. She currently has over 3000 hours of coaching experience with a wide range of clientele.

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Lisa C. Matthews, JD, BCFLS is a Board Certified Family Law Specialist and a Louisiana *qualified* Family and Juvenile Mediator practicing in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States of America. After clerking for an appellate Judge for two years, she entered private practice nineteen years ago and is a shareholder in the law firm Stephenson, Matthews, Chavarri & Lambert, L.L.C. Ms. Matthews believes it is important to offer families alternatives to the traditional litigation model of dispute resolution. She has observed that many family disputes can be more efficiently and more appropriately handled in Collaboration and in Mediation than in the courts. Litigation, with its high financial and emotional cost, often yields less satisfying results than carefully crafted agreements reached in Mediation or Collaboration.

Ms. Matthews has been a Mediator since 1994 and a Collaborative Professional since 2003. She has served as a Mediation Trainer at seminars offered by Loyola Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana since 1996 and at Louisiana State University Law School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana since 2007. Ms. Matthews is the past President of the New Orleans Chapter of the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana and past Trustee and Treasurer of the statewide Council. She has taken part in panel presentations at local and state meetings of the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana. Ms. Matthews is a Charter Member and past President of the Collaborative Professionals’ Group of Southeast Louisiana and has done presentations about Collaborative Divorce in Louisiana, Texas, Washington State, Georgia and Florida in the United States, and in Adelaide, Australia. She is also a Collaborative Divorce Trainer.

Ms. Matthews seeks to improve the court system by working with judges, lawyers, mental health professionals, financial professionals, local community agencies, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Jefferson Parish Family Law Association and the Louisiana Law Institute to make the system more responsive to the needs of families in transition. One way to do that is to educate families about the options of Collaboration and Mediation and to encourage courts to direct embattled families to those Alternative Dispute Resolution options.

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Cindy Pechon, MSW, LCSW-BACS is a native of Southeast Louisiana, USA, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a Master of Social Work from Louisiana State University with a focus on families and children. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Louisiana providing therapy for children and families as well as expert witness testimony in child custody cases and cases of child abuse and neglect. Ms. Pechon has expertise in the area of domestic violence, working with over 1000 domestic violence offenders in the past ten years and provides continuing education for professionals in the area of domestic violence and it's effects on children. She has served as adjunct faculty in the School of Social Work at Southeastern Louisiana University and is a board approved Clinical Supervisor for new Social Workers progressing towards licensure. Ms. Pechon is a member of the 21st Collaborative Practice Group, where she has served as the Secretary for the past two years, as well as serving on the Marketing and Media Committee. She is also a member of the Collaborative Professionals Group of Southeast Louisiana, and the International Association of Collaborative Professionals. Ms. Pechon is a qualified Child Specialist and Divorce Coach for Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce. Her last continuing education opportunity entitled, "Collaborative Divorce: A Kinder Gentler Way to Divorce" was presented at the Louisiana National Association of Social Workers Conference in 2007.

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