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A Word from the President :: OMA in 2014

by James Petas

I hope everyone is celebrating the start of a great new year! This year, OMA would like to extend an invitation to members to become an even more integral part of OMA by joining one of our valuable committees. However great or small your contribution, your time makes a real difference in enhancing the quality of our organization and connecting you to OMA and the field of mediation. Currently, we have several committees that have formed: Certification in Mediation, Mediate Ohio Newsletter, and Bi-Monthly Speakers Series. Please e-mail us at mediateohio.org and let us know if you are interested in joining one or more of these committees or have an interest in other areas.

Spring is around the corner and OMA is excited to be hosting another exceptional annual conference on Friday, May 19, 2014, in downtown Columbus. Our speaker is

Dr. Arnold Shienvold. Dr. Shienvold is a psychologist and mediator specializing in high conflict families and is an expert in custody evaluations and family mediation. He is currently serving as the President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). We look forward to having him and you join us in May.

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the fascinating practice of co-resolution. Nate Witkin and Susan Shostak will discuss this powerful method for resolving cases. Join us for lunch and a thoughtful presentation and discussion of this topic.

Finally, in October OMA will be joining forces with The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) at their National Convention in Cincinnati. Currently, we are set to hold our October bi-monthly meeting in Cincinnati. OMA members will then also have the opportunity to stay and participate at ACR's convention break-out sessions and mediation lectures, all at a reduced one-day OMA member rate.

Thank you for a great 2013--looking forward to a terrific 2014!

— by James Petas, OMA President



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Contract Mediator :: Beech Acres Parenting Center has locations in Cincinnati and Lebanon, Ohio. BAPC seeks an Independent Contract mediator to mediate post and pre decree divorce as well as family and parent-teen mediations. These mediations will either be court-ordered, attorney or JFS suggested, or voluntary. Sessions may be held any time Monday-Friday 8am-8pm and on Saturdays 9am-1pm. In order to be considered for this position and once the candidate is considered for a second interview, demonstration of mediation skill is required. A prospective candidate will conduct a mediation session (1.5 hours) with the mediation coordinator as co-lead.

Group Facilitator :: Alternative Paths, Inc., in Medina, Ohio, seeks a group facilitator who will be responsible for planning and implementing educational groups consisting of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. This individual must possess a formal education and/or specialized training and knowledge of behavioral health issues and symptoms of mental illness commonly seen in the severely mentally disabled adult population. S/he must possess knowledge and practical skills to assess consumer's clinical and psychosocial needs, which are in turn used to develop appropriate individualized service plans and to design group services to address identified needs. Understanding of appropriate group and individual therapeutic interventions is needed. The group facilitator must demonstrate strong interpersonal communication and mediation skills with consumers, interdisciplinary team members as well as those in the community associated with their work, i.e., family, guardians, and other community agencies and entities. S/he must build and demonstrate self-confidence in his/her role within the agency and community. Must possess an Ohio Driver's license, have access to a car, and be willing to transport clients if needed; must be proficient in Microsoft Office products (Word and Excel).

Regional Human Resources Specialist :: Sterling Jewelers, Inc., in Akron, Ohio, seeks a dedicated individual for an employee relations role with a heavy focus on conflict resolution and investigative work. This individual will provide pro-active conflict resolution/mediation, employee relations guidance, & management coaching/direction while responding to high volume Team Member calls for assistance from all employment levels and will document all call activity, recommendations, and resolution. Excellent client service and problem solving abilities required; conflict resolution or workplace mediation exposure/experience is preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Outlook. Moderate national travel required.



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Mediation Council of Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky 2014 Meeting Schedule

For 2014, the Council has decided to reach out to other organizations, not necessarily dispute resolution entities, and has asked that they speak to us about challenges in communication and collaboration. By partnering with these organizations to provide speakers and the venue, the Council hopes that this season's meetings will result in cross-pollination of ideas with these organizations and will encourage the spirit of collaboration in the future.

Reminder: Mediation Council dues are \$15 per year. Members receive email updates about meetings and changes to the schedule; however, members and non-members alike may attend meetings. Contact Chris Haley at chaley@cincinnati.bbb.org if you have questions or would like further information.

February 14, 2014, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. :: Prof. Marjorie Aaron, U.C. College of Law speaking on, "Three Things That Mediators Need to Know about Negotiation". Location: U.C. College of Law, 2540 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati.

March 14, 2014, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. :: Lisa Gorrasi, Court Administrator, Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations, speaks on "Early Neutral Evaluation at Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court". Learn the definition of Early Neutral Evaluation, design and implementation of the ENE program, case selection criteria and early anecdotal results. Location: Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court, 800 Broadway, 16th floor, Cincinnati.

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Ohio Mediation Association Bi-Monthly Meeting | February 7, 2014. OMA's next regular bi-monthly meeting will be held in Columbus at the MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 60 Westerville Square, Westerville. This meeting will focus on the fascinating practice of co-resolution. Nate Witkin and Susan Shostak will discuss this powerful method for resolving cases. Join us for lunch and a thoughtful presentation and discussion of this topic.

Two Day Basic Mediation Training | March 5-6, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio, 67 Jefferson Avenue, Columbus. *Program Description:* 16 CLE hours, 14 credit hours for Ohio professionals, \$395. CMS Executive Director Shelley Whalen conducts this training instructing you how to help disputants resolve a broad range of conflicts, including those occurring in the family, workplace, and community.

The Essentials of Parenting Coordination :: Helping High Conflict Parents Resolve Post-Separation Disputes March 10-11, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m. AFCC presents this training in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago, Philip H. Corboy Law Center, in Chicago, Illinois. *Program Description:* 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists. A two-day training program, primarily for parenting coordinators, mediators, custody evaluators, lawyers as well as professionals who work with high-conflict families. This training program will focus on the parenting coordination model, its structure and process, effective agreements or court orders, sources of authority, range of disputes resolved, managing client communications, practice and ethical issues, case examples and analyses in group exercises. Presented by Joan B. Kelly, PhD, Executive Director of the Northern California Mediation Center.

Pitfalls, Process & Prescriptions: Advanced Strategies for Managing Parenting Coordination Cases | March 12-13, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. AFCC presents this training in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago, Philip H. Corboy Law Center, in Chicago Illinois. *Program Description:* 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists. A two-day training program for parenting coordinators, mediators, custody evaluators, judges, lawyers and other professionals who work with high conflict parents. This training program will focus on strategies to work with difficult clients as well as manage cases where children resist contact with a parent. Presented by Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, Director of the Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology.

Conflict Resolution Training | March 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio, 67 Jefferson Avenue, Columbus. *Program Description:* \$195 (includes lunch). Shelley Whalen conducts this training. She tackles topics that include tips for choosing the right conflict resolution approach for each dispute situation, how to resolve conflict using a "needs" rather than a "rights" based approach, and how using five different conflict resolution approaches impact your future relationships with others.

Divorce & Family Mediation Training | March 20, 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2014, 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Partners in Mediation, Inc., 3705 W. Darwin Avenue, Cincinnati. Basic Mediation Training is a prerequisite. *Program Description:* 40 CLE and 39.25 CEU hours. This five-day training course offers training for in divorce mediation, including parenting and property division. Situations often faced by mediators will be conducted through role-playing.

Co-resolution Training | March 28, 2014, 9:00am - 4:30pm, 373 S. High St., Columbus. Co-resolution is a new ADR process that allows two mediation-trained professionals to sit on either side of the table and coach disputants in negotiation skills as the coaches facilitate the discussion as a cooperative team. This process was first proposed in a Conflict Resolution Quarterly article (Witkin, 2008), was presented twice at the ACR National Conference, and has been piloted in Columbus, Ohio. The training is sponsored by the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court Mediation Program and is therefore without charge to participants. Trainees must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of mediation training and have experience mediating cases. To register, please contact Nathan Witkin at 330.620.2956 or email coresolution.adr@gmail.com.

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Ongoing Mediation Consulting | Groups are held two Saturday mornings a month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Partners in Mediation, Inc., 3705 W. Darwin Avenue, Cincinnati. Call 613.651.1010 or email mediators@fuse.net regarding session dates. *Program Description:* This program will use case studies, role-play, exercises and group discussions in order for participants to develop and improve mediation techniques. Advanced skills & new approaches will also be taught.

16th Annual ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference | April 2-5, 2014, Hyatt Regency, Miami, Florida. Main conference registration provides an incredible value giving access to all concurrent sessions on Thursday and Friday, the Thursday Welcome Reception, the Symposium on ADR in the Courts (on Wed., April 2) and the Legal Educators Colloquium (on Sat., April 5). The Symposium on ADR in the Courts and Legal Educators Colloquium may also be purchased as stand alone events. The Court Symposium Luncheon and Legal Educators Colloquium Luncheon are ticketed events and tickets must be purchased separately.

Civil Mediation Training | April 4,-5 & 11-12, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Partners in Mediation, Inc., 3705 W. Darwin Ave., Cincinnati. A Basic Mediation course is required prior to taking this training. *Program Description:* This course offers 30 CEU's or 29 CLE's and focuses on the process of mediation rather than substantive areas of practice. Participants will learn the caucus model of mediation, often used in civil cases.

Elder/Adult Family Mediation Training | April 8-11, 2014, Elder Decisions, Newton, MA. *Program Description:* This training, conducted by Arlene Kardasis & Crystal Thorpe, provides mediators strategies for facilitating adult family conversations regarding issues such as living arrangements, caregiving, financial planning and much more. The four-day format includes all the features of our intensive three-day program plus additional content and even more multi-party role play opportunities and skill building exercises.

Domestic Mediation Training | April 16-17, 22-24, 2014. 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio, 67 Jefferson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. *Program Description:* \$925 (\$825 if you have previously taken CMS Basic Training). Shelley Whalen conducts this training. She tackles topics that include the psychological impact of divorce on adults and children and the implications for mediation, Ohio domestic relations law and its relevance to the mediation process, and how to help couples plan to cooperatively parent their children.

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Program on Dispute Resolution | For information on training or classes on mediation through The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, please click [here](#).

Capital University Law School Center for Dispute Resolution | For information on training or classes on mediation through Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, please click [here](#).

Antioch University Health & Social Sciences | For information on training or classes on mediation through Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio, please click [here](#).

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