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## Dependency Mediation Training

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☐ Mediator ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dependency Mediation Certification Training

Dependency mediation involves facilitating the resolution of disputes in child abuse, neglect, and abandonment cases including dependency, termination of parental rights, and foster care issues. In Florida, the participants in a dependency mediation conference can include the parents, representatives of the Department of Children and Families, guardian ad litem for the child, other family members, foster parents, possibly the child, and attorneys representing the above-mentioned mediation participants. This 40-hour program is approved by the Florida Supreme Court.

### Target Audience

The target audience includes attorneys, psychologists, physicians, accountants and other individuals who possess a master's or doctorate (such as a Ph.D., J.D., M.D., Ed.D., LLM). Others may enroll with permission of the instructor.

### Continuing Education Credits

**Attorneys:** Approved by the Florida Bar (2003064N) for 48 general CLE Credits including 5 Ethics Credits, 1.5 Bias Elimination Credits, 48 hours of Juvenile Law Credits and 48 hours of Marital and Family Law Certification Credits.

**Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals:** Continuing Education, Inc. is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Continuing Education, Inc. maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Designation:** As an organization approved by the American Psychological Association, Continuing Education, Inc. is offering this activity for a maximum of 40 hours of continuing education credit. Each psychologist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

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**Continuing Education, Inc.** designates this live activity for a maximum of 40 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Mediators:** Portions of this course are eligible for CME credit. Mediators are required to self-report hours applicable to their areas of certification at the time of their renewal.

## Course Schedule

October - Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Noon - 5:00 pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
November - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Noon - 5:00 pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Objectives

As a result of participating in this activity, participants should be able to:

- Analyze dependency mediation theory, process, techniques, and ethics.
- Determine the needs of children and family dynamics in dependency cases.
- Demonstrate knowledge of dependency law, court process, and the role of stakeholders.
- Employ communication skills, treatment options, and community resources.

## Upcoming Programs

### Family Mediation Certification Training

*June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 12, 2021*

This 40-hour Florida Supreme Court approved program meets the training requirement for certification as a family mediator and teaches the practical skills necessary to resolve the disputes that often arise during and after divorce.

### Family Mediation Certification Training

*September 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 & 25, 2021*

This 40-hour Florida Supreme Court approved program meets the training requirement for certification as a family mediator and teaches the practical skills necessary to resolve the disputes that often arise during and after divorce.

## Location

The course will be offered online via Zoom. Please review online participation requirements at [www.myfloridamediator.com/online-mediation-certification-training.html](http://www.myfloridamediator.com/online-mediation-certification-training.html).

### ADA Statement

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## Course Director / Primary Trainer

**Gregory Firestone, Ph.D.** is President of My Florida Mediator and serves on the Editorial Board of Family Court Review. He served as Director of the University of South Florida Conflict Resolution Collaborative from 1994 – 2016 and on standing alternative dispute resolution (ADR) committees of the Florida Supreme Court for more than two decades, including seven years as Vice Chair of the Florida Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee.

Dr. Firestone has maintained a private mediation practice since 1984 and is a practicing 1) Florida Supreme Court certified Appellate, Circuit Court, Dependency, and Family Mediator, 2) Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Advanced Practitioner, 3) Diplomate Member of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, and 4) licensed Psychologist (PY3033).

He also served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), as founding president of the Florida Chapter of AFCC, and as Official Observer (on behalf of the Association for Conflict Resolution) to the Uniform Law Commission drafting of the Uniform Mediation Act.

Greg has lectured and published widely in the field and trained thousands of mediators around the U.S. and Europe. He has received numerous awards including the 2012 Florida Supreme Court Sharon Press Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution Award, 2012 AFCC Presidential Award and 2011 Florida Academy of Professional Mediators Merit Award.

## Faculty

**C. Michael Kelly, Esq.** is a Florida licensed attorney and Board Certified Specialist in Juvenile Law in private practice. Previously, Mr. Kelly was an attorney for the State Attorney's Office specializing in actions for termination of parental rights and a senior attorney for the Department of Children and Families handling all dependency matters from shelter to termination of parental rights. His practice now focuses on representing children and parents in dependency matters, children with special needs and adoptions.

**Michelle Artman Smith, Esq.** is Alternative Dispute Resolution Director for the 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida. She is a licensed attorney and Florida Supreme Court Certified County, Family, and Dependency Mediator and serves on the Florida Supreme Court Mediator Qualifications and Discipline Review Board.

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