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Who's At The Table and How are They Impacted by Domestic Violence— *A Conference for Mediators*

Friday, June 26, 2009
8:30 AM—4:00 PM

The College of the Holy Cross
1 College Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker

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School.

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Morning Workshop	_____
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Post marked by May 20, 2009	\$85.00 _____
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FRIDAY, June 26, 2009 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

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Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introduction—*The Honorable Gail Perlman*

9:15 AM

Keynote Presentation: Differentiation of Domestic Violence and its Implications for Parenting Plans. - *Dr. Robin Deutsch*

10:30 AM

Break with refreshments

10:45 AM—12:00 PM Morning Workshops

- A. Domestic Violence and Its Effects on Children—*Monica Roizner*. *This workshop will look at the practical effect Domestic Violence has on children including the trauma and subsequent consequences to the smallest and most innocent victims. There will be a discussion of questions to use when talking with parents and children.*
- B. The Dynamics of Domestic Violence and How to Recognize It—*Lerato Vilakazi-Jackson*. *Domestic violence and child welfare have overlapping issues. This workshop will include a discussion regarding the dynamics of domestic violence and its impact on the family. We will discuss what to consider in determining the safety and appropriateness of mediation services.*
- C. What's Love Got to Do with It—*La Wanza Lett-Brewington*. *This workshop will answer the question, "Why do people stay in abusive relationships?" Participants will engage in interactive discussion regarding the myths, facts, and realities of domestic violence.*
- D. Profiles of People Who Use Violence in Intimate Relationships—*Eve Bogdanove*. *MOVE is a state certified batterer's intervention program. We will cover the linkage of violence, threats and control. We will examine the common profiles of batterers and identify the behavioral patterns associated with them.*

DIRECTIONS The College of the Holy Cross 1 College Street Worcester, MA

From the East and West Massachusetts Turnpike I-90. Take Exit 10 to I-290 East toward Worcester. Take Exit 11 (College Square/Southbridge Street) off I-290. Cross over to the right lane immediately after coming off the ramp to College Square. Take the first right (**before** the traffic light) onto College Street. **Go up the hill and enter the last gate on the left, Gate 7.** The Hogan Campus Center is the second building on the left with the large silver cross on it. **Visitor parking** is to the right of the Campus Center

From the Southeast I-495 North to Massachusetts Turnpike I-90. Take Exit 10 to I-290 East toward Worcester. Follow direction same as East and West above from Exit 11.

From the South Route 146 North to Exit 12, McKeon Road/College Square. Take left off ramp and follow signs for I-290 West/College Square. Left at traffic light on McKeon Road. Follow overpass through several sets of lights and proceed straight up hill. Take left after fire station into Holy Cross on Loyola Road. Follow left curve which becomes McCarthy Lane. Continue up hill to upper campus.

From the Northeast I-495 South to I-290 West, Exit 25B. From I-290 West take Exit 11 to College Square, Southbridge Street. Bear left coming off the ramp onto Southbridge Street. Take the first right (**before** the traffic light) onto College Street. **Go up the hill and enter the last gate on the left, Gate 7.** The Hogan Campus Center is the second building on the left with the large silver cross on it. **Visitor parking** is to the right of the Campus Center

From the North MA-2 East. Take Exit 33 to merge onto I-190 South toward Worcester. Exit onto I-290 West toward Auburn. Take Exit 11 to Collage Square. Follow direction same as Northeast above from Exit 11.

FREE PARKING

The conference will be held in Hogan Center.

Monica Roizner Ed. D. is the Director of Clinical Programs at Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the former director of clinical and community services for Casa Myrna Vasquez Inc., a network of battered women's shelters.

Lerato Vilakazi-Jackson is the domestic violence specialist for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, Worcester Region. She has worked with families impacted by domestic violence for many years and was a child advocate at HarborCOV, a domestic violence program in Chelsea, MA.

Cate Woolner is a consulting mediator and trainer for the Mediation & Training Collaborative. She holds a Masters of Counseling Psychology degree and has been a clinician, supervisor and teacher in psychology. She co-founded The Mediation & Training Collaborative in 1987 and was director for 11 years. She is a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Mediation Programs and Practitioners.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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12:00 PM

Lunch is provided

1:00 PM

What Would You Do? - A panel discussion regarding considerations and implications in family cases involving domestic violence and power imbalance.

The Honorable Gail Perlman—Judge
 Cynthia Bauman—Mediator
 Eve Bogdanove—Men's Resource Center for Change
 Lerato Vilakazi - Jackson—Department of Children and Families
 La Wanza Lett-Brewington—Safe Passages

2:30 PM

Break with refreshments

2:45 PM-4:00 PM Afternoon Workshops

- A. Practical Screening Tools for Mediators—*Cynthia Bauman* This interactive workshop will discuss how to use a screening tool, why screening is important, avoiding the problems and how to confront them safely when they are unavoidable.
- B. What About Power Imbalance? - *Cate Woolner* Is it possible to work with the particular power imbalances presented in domestic violence cases? If so, what needs to be considered? How do you feel as a neutral in the face of significant power imbalances?
- C. Withdrawing When there is Domestic Violence: How to do it Safely—*Stephanie Levin* This workshop will consider the ethical and professional dilemmas that arise when, after beginning a mediation, the mediator learns or suspects that domestic violence is an issue. Attention will be paid to when the mediator should or can withdraw, and how to do it safely.
- D. Empathy: A Magic Wand To Open Communication When Domestic Violence Impacts Your Mediation Case—*Jon Kent* Awaken your empathetic consciousness in mediation cases involving domestic violence by learning a tool to reopen communication. Teachings are based on the work of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg (NVC) as applied in an Anger Management Program sponsored by Quabbin Mediation and supported by the Orange District Court.

4:00

Conference Ends

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Robin Deutsch is a psychologist and the Director of Forensic Services of the Children and the Law Program in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School. As a therapist, consultant, custody evaluator, mediator, and parenting coordinator, her work has focused on the application of child development research to children's adjustment to divorce, consequences of child maltreatment, parenting issues, the evaluation of families involved in family change and management of high conflict divorce.

She is President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and the former president of the Massachusetts chapter of AFCC. She is also a member of the AFCC Task Force that developed Guidelines for Parenting Coordination (2005), the Massachusetts task force that wrote "Planning for Shared Parenting: a Guide for Parents Living Apart" and a participant in the 2007 Wingspread conference cosponsored by AFCC and NCJFCJ on Domestic Violence.

FACULTY

The Honorable Gail Perlman is the First Justice of the Hampshire Probate and Family Court. Before her appointment to the bench in September 1998, she was a lawyer and mediator practicing primarily in the area of family law. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work and taught for many years at the Smith College School of Social Work. Judge Perlman is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court, a member of the Probate and Family Court Steering Committee on Performance and Accountability and a member of the board of the Massachusetts chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

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Cynthia Bauman is an attorney and mediator in private practice. She is affiliated with the Community Dispute Settlement Center and served as Coordinator of Court Programs, supervising practices in District, Juvenile, Probate and Superior courts; she is a frequent trainer and mediator in family law cases.

Eve Bogdanove LICSW is the Associate Executive Director for the Men's Resource Center for Change and the Moving Forward Program Director. She has over 20 years experience in the human service field and has expertise in the areas of domestic violence and battering.

Jon Kent practiced law for 25 years and holds a Master of Arts degree in Conflict Resolution. Since 2003, he has focused on practicing, teaching and learning Marshall Rosenberg's model of Nonviolent Communication. Since 2005 he has directed Quabbin Mediation's court annexed program called Transforming Community Violence which predominately serves clients who have experienced domestic violence.

La Wanza Lett-Brewington M.Ed. is the Executive Director of Safe Passage. Safe Passage is the lead organization addressing domestic violence in Hampshire County, MA. She has over 12 years experience working to address domestic and relationship violence in our society.

Stephanie Levin has combined teaching, mediation, and legal practice in the areas of law and public policy, social justice, and human rights. She currently teaches legal studies at Hampshire College and is also a mediator with extensive mediation experience. Previously, Ms. Levin taught at Northeastern University Law School and worked in a program designed to meet the legal needs of individuals and families affected by domestic violence.