



## **Family Law Mediation Training April 23-24 + May 7-8, 2020**

**(4 days, 30 credits)**

Co-trainers: Susan Hansen, Casey Holtz, Paul Stenzel

Additional Presenter: Grant Zielinski, CDFP

Demonstrations, Videos, Role Play, and Interactive Learning Exercises will be included

A binder of materials, including practice tools and handouts, will be provided

Experienced mediators will assist with demonstrations and interactive activities

Continental breakfast and lunch included

### **Training Topic Overview:**

- Changing culture of family law; focus on mediation with self-represented parties to meet their needs and expand professional practice
- WI mediation statutes and rules;
- Overview of mediation process: challenges of neutrality, interest-based approach; education vs. advice
- Importance of self-awareness: biases, practices, outcome views, reaction to conflict and impact on the mediation process
- Essential qualities and skills for family mediators
- Domestic abuse assessment
- Process design options: roles for lawyers, mental health and financial professionals and structure of meetings—in-person and video
- Step-by-step mediation process: initial phone call(s); joint education meeting (analogous to initial consult); agreement to mediate-terms of engagement-initial documents; individual meetings; first and subsequent mediation meetings; conclusion/implementation
- Neutral drafting
- Techniques and tools to deal with roadblocks and impasse
- Ethical standards and challenges
- Using mediation skills in other processes and topic areas beyond family law
- Building a mediation practice