

## **Ontario Association For Family Mediation (Ottawa)**

### **Perspectives on Family Mediation: Learning from the past, looking to the future**

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#### Morning Session

- 9:00—9:15 Welcome, introductions, and overview of the day
- 9:15—9:45 The reflective practitioner: how we grown as professionals and as a profession (presentation and exercise)
- 9:45—10:30 Snapshots from 30 years of practice
- Revisiting our roots (and honoring them)
  - Pioneers and pioneering moments
  - From the charismatic to the bureaucratic
  - The emergence of training standards and practice models
  - The dominant practice models
  - Mediation organizations need mediation
- 10:30—10:45 Break
- 10:45—11:15 Formative moments in mediation development (Small group exercise)
- 11:15—12:00 What mediators bring to the conflict table: the foundations of effective mediation (Case application)

#### Lunch

#### Afternoon Session

- 1:00—1:45 The state of our practice: Warning signs and opportunities
- 1:45—2:30 Four essential challenges
- Defining our purpose
  - Expanding our role
  - Developing our knowledge base
  - Challenging our myths
- 2:30—3:15 Staying with conflict: the six faces of conflict
- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:00 Case application
- 4:00—4:20: Competition and cooperation: the heart of conflict practice
- 4:20—4:30 Reflections and final thoughts