

INTRODUCTORY INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIVE REMOTE TRAINING

A Better Way to Support Clients Experiencing Separation or Divorce

**10:30 am to 1:30 pm CST
Tuesdays & Thursdays
February 2 – March 4, 2021**

For more information or to register see:

<https://sites.google.com/view/cptrainingbyzoom/home>

The Collaborative Interdisciplinary Process is a dispute resolution process designed to keep families involved in a separation or divorce out of court. An internationally practiced model of dispute resolution, the collaborative interdisciplinary process can prevent conflict escalation between couples, put the needs of children at the forefront and create fair and informed settlements for spouses in a supported setting.

Collaborative Interdisciplinary practice brings together a team of professionals designed around client need, including lawyers, financial specialists and mental health professionals, to provide their particular expertise to assist clients to obtain cost-effective, solution-oriented, enduring agreements. Participation in Basic/Introductory Collaborative Interdisciplinary Process training is a prerequisite to work in this area. This upcoming remote training is specifically designed for lawyers, mediators, mental health professionals (e.g., clinical social workers, psychologists) and financial professionals (e.g., financial planners, tax specialists and business valuers) and will focus on the foundational principles, processes and skills required to work in collaborative interdisciplinary practice.

New legislation was passed in Saskatchewan that will soon require couples who have commenced legal proceedings for custody, support, division of property or divorce, to participate in one of four dispute resolution processes. Collaborative services will be one of those resolution processes.

Our trainers are a team of internationally acclaimed trainers and this training meets the Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative training requirement of both the Collaborative Professionals of Saskatchewan Inc. and the International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP).

YOU WILL LEARN

- ❖ **How the Collaborative Team Process Works, the Professionals involved and the Wisdom of Teams**
- ❖ **Advocacy in a Settlement Context and Understanding Advocacy Needs**
 - ❖ **The Importance of Neutrality**
 - ❖ **An Understanding of Interest-Based negotiation**
 - ❖ **Knowledge of Spectrum of Interests / Core Concerns**
- ❖ **Facilitation of an Initial Client Meeting and Explaining the Process**
 - ❖ **Overcoming Resistance and Perspectives on Fairness**
- ❖ **Comprehensive Team Protocols and Screening and Process Design**

THE COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONAL TEAM

LAWYERS:

Lawyers bring legal expertise to the team to identify and address legal issues and to provide legal opinion. In this training, you will gain insight on the unique role of lawyers within the collaborative team model and learn how your effective negotiation and advocacy skills are adapted to facilitate constructive problem-solving between parties. In addition, you will gain understanding of the value-added efficacies and advantages that interdisciplinary team work can offer your clients and how such an approach can assist in resolving road blocks and the development of solution-oriented and enduring agreements.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

NEUTRAL COACH ROLE:

As a mental health professional within the collaborative process, the primary focus is to apply your expertise in areas such as: interpersonal dynamics and family systems, emotions and stress management, effective communication, conflict resolution, etc., to assist clients navigate the turbulent aspects of the separation/divorce journey in a constructive, productive manner. Within this training, you will learn how to enhance client outcomes within a team model and to work effectively with other professionals who are collectively focused on positive outcomes for all involved parties. You will learn to apply your knowledge and skills to assist clients resolve stumbling blocks and to manage associated emotional distress that otherwise would stand in the way of reaching a negotiated, mutually acceptable agreement.

CHILD SPECIALIST ROLE:

Your particular training in family systems and child development assists the team to meet the needs of the children during and after divorce. In this training, you will learn how your role in the team can bring forward vital information concerning the child's perspectives and needs for consideration by the clients and other professionals in the decision-making process. and needs.

FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS:

The Collaborative financial specialist is a neutral financial professional who assists the team to optimize financial outcomes for the clients. In this training, you will learn how to work as a neutral member of the team to bring an objective view to the financial issues being discussed. You will learn that you can play a particularly helpful role in the gathering and reviewing of financial documentation. You will learn how to bring your experience and opinion to the professional team to provide a better financial understanding for the other professional team members and the clients. The role of financial specialist is particularly helpful because, as a neutral member of the team, you can offer an objective perspective on the financial affairs of the client.