

About the Trainers

Milena Christopher, M.A., J.D. – Milena Christopher is on the Board of Directors for the Hays County DRC and a TMCA Credentialed Mediator. She has a Master's degree in Psychology in addition to her law degree. Milena is the past President of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Mediators, as well as TAM's former newsletter editor. In addition to her private law and mediation practice, Milena also serves as an Attorney for Students at Texas State University.

Walter A. Wright, J.D., LL.M. - Walter A. Wright is on the Board of Directors for the Hays County DRC and a TMCA Credentialed Distinguished Mediator. He is an associate professor in the Legal Studies Program of the Department of Political Science at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. He teaches courses in law and alternative dispute resolution, and his primary research interest is mediation. An attorney, mediator, and arbitrator, he received B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Houston and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from New York University.

Anna Bartkowski, M.A. – Anna Bartkowski is the Executive Director of the Hays County DRC and a TMCA Credentialed Advanced Mediator. She holds a Master's degree in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Texas State University. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Mediators, current member of the Board of Directors of the Austin Association of Mediators, a member of the Texas DRC Directors' Council, and an associate member of the State Bar of Texas, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Additional Presenters Include:

Hays County Family Law Attorneys
Texas State University Faculty
Social Workers from Texas DFPS
Counselors from Hays-Caldwell Women's Center



30-Hour Family Mediation Training Course

*September 26 –
October 5, 2012*

*Advanced Family Mediation
Training for mediators for Divorce
and Suits Affecting Parent-Child
Relationship.*

Hays County DRC
829 N. LBJ #108
San Marcos, TX 78666

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Family Mediation Course \$450.00

The Hays County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is a non-profit organization that facilitates problem-solving for individuals and organizations in Hays County, Texas by providing, promoting, and teaching effective methods of conflict resolution.

About the Training

The Hays County DRC Family Mediation Training Course is designed to provide trained mediators with the necessary additional training and skills to serve as neutral, third-party mediators in disputes involving parent-child relationships.

The course will cover topics such as: Family Dynamics, Child Development, Family Violence, Parentage and Suits Affecting Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR), Dissolution of Marriage, Conservatorship, Parental Rights and Duties, Parental Access and Visitation, Child and Spousal Support, Division of Property, Communication Skills, Ethics and the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Judiciary Panel: Additionally, the course may include a two-hour panel discussion with judges from Hays County's District and County courts whereby trainees can learn the judiciary's perspective.

Certificates confirming completion of the course will be issued on the last day of the course to trainees who complete the full 30 hours of training.

The thirty-hour course will be conducted in two 3-hour evening sessions and three 8-hour day sessions.

Class Dates and Times:

September 26 – October 5, 2012

- Sep 26 (Wed): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Sep 28 (Fri): 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Sep 29 (Sat): 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Oct 3 (Wed): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Oct 5 (Fri): 8:00am – 5:00pm

All sessions will be held at the DRC's mediation center at 829 N. LBJ #108, San Marcos, TX 78666.

MCLE Credits are pending for attorneys, including ethics credits. CEU Credits are available to social workers and mental health professionals.

**This program meets the standards of the Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Act ("Texas ADR Act"), the Texas Mediation Trainers' Roundtable, the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, and the Association of Attorney-Mediators*

Registration Fee: \$450.00

Complete and return this form with check payable to Hays County DRC.

Fall 2012 Family Mediation Training Course

First Name Last Name

Business or Organization Name:

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email

Occupation

Organization that issued your basic 40-hour mediation certificate.

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