

About the Trainers

Walter A. Wright, J.D., LL.M. - Walter 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. He is a former president of the Texas Association of Mediators and the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

Walt Krudop, M.S. - Walt Krudop is the President of the Board of Directors of the Hays County DRC and a TMCA Credentialed Mediator. He is an experienced mediator, teaches mediation and conflict resolution in various venues and consults in the area of program design and implementation. He is currently an adjunct professor at St. Edward's University. Walt also serves on the board of the Texas Mediation Trainers' Roundtable and is a past board member of the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association.

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 immediate 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. She is also the Hays County DRC's lead trainer for the Family Mediation Certification Course. In addition to her private law and mediation practice, Milena serves as an Attorney for Students at Texas State 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.

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develop positive and effective
solutions to conflicts.*

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Spring 2012

Basic Mediation Course \$800.00

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.

Mediation is a process in which an impartial person facilitates communication between parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or understanding among them, without imposing the mediator's own judgment on the issues.

Mediation is increasingly used by organizations, courts and governments as a more satisfying and effective means of resolving conflicts. In contrast to litigation, mediation is informal, cost-effective, confidential and time-efficient. Parties generally feel empowered and more satisfied with their agreements from mediation.

The mediator is essential to the process and facilitates the discussion by listening to the parties, encouraging communication, identifying interests, advancing the negotiation, and promoting the development of effective solutions.

MCLE Credits, including ethics credits, are pending for attorneys.

CEUs will be available for social workers and LPCs.

About the Training

The Hays County DRC Basic Mediation Training Course provides the trainees with the basic skills needed to serve as a neutral, third-party mediator. The program meets the standards of the Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Act ("Texas ADR Act"), the Texas Mediator Trainers' Roundtable, the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, and the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

Certificates confirming completion of the course will be issued on the last day of the course to trainees who complete the full 40 hours of training as required by Texas law.

Credentialing Fee Included

As an added benefit, for all trainees who successfully complete the course, the HCDRC will pay the \$25 fee for the volunteer mediator initial credential with the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association.

Class Dates and Times:

- Mar 20 (Tue): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Mar 22 (Thu): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Mar 23 (Fri): 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Mar 24 (Sat): 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Mar 27 (Tue): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Mar 29 (Thu): 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Mar 30 (Fri): 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Mar 31 (Sat): 8:00am – 4:00pm

All sessions are held at the DRC at 829 N. LBJ #108, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Registration Fee: \$800.00

Complete and return this form with payment to Hays County DRC.

Hays DRC will limit the class size to the first 10 participants who register.

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First Name

Last Name

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Occupation

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