

# Howard Community College

Presents

## **Family Mediation: “Child Access” Training**

How do you help families reorganize themselves when spouses face separation or divorce? How do you help parents who have never married work together to meet the needs of their children? Learn key concepts about family dynamics and relevant legal topics in this 20 hour course so you can assist parents in transition develop a parenting plan using the mediation process. Course format includes small group exercises, discussions, coached role plays, video, and lecture. This course covers topics required to satisfy the “Family Mediation Training” requirements under Maryland Judicial Rule 9-205(c). Prerequisite: 40-hour Basic Mediation Training or permission of the instructor.

What You’ll Learn About:

All the topics required by Maryland Circuit Rule 9-205(c) regarding “family mediation training” and more:

- Maryland law regarding:
  - ✓ Separation, divorce, and annulment
  - ✓ Parenting arrangements including child custody and visitation
  - ✓ Child and spousal support
  - ✓ The interrelationship of parenting arrangements and child support
- Introductory tenets of family systems and child development theory
- Emotional aspects of separation and divorce on adults and children
- How to help parents develop their parenting plan
- Screening for and addressing power imbalances, intimidation, and domestic violence
- Strategies for safely terminating mediation when termination is warranted
- Ethical questions in the practice of family mediation

Instructor:

BARBARA BLAKE WILLIAMS, M.P.A., M.Ed., Esquire, has a private practice in mediation and is listed on the rosters for court-appointed mediation with several circuit courts in Maryland. Formerly Program Director for the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center in Howard County, Barbara has conducted extensive training in mediation and creative conflict resolution. Having been recognized as a “Certified Mediator” by the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution (MCDR), Barbara served as MCDR President in 2010 and Chair of MCDR’s Certification Committee in 2016. Barbara subscribes to the Maryland Program on Mediator Excellence and is an Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution. Barbara holds a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, a Master’s in Education with a focus on Counseling/Family Therapy from Boston University, and a J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

WHEN? Class meets August 19, 20, 26, 27, 2017.

SAT: 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.; SUN: 12:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

WHERE? Howard Community College; Hickory Ridge Building

COST? \$550.00. Includes \$190.00 in fees.

CONTINUING ED CREDIT? 2.0 CEU's. 20 credit hours (category 1) approved by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. 20 Continuing Education Hours approved by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

HOW TO REGISTER OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact Pat Fassbender at Howard Community College at 443-518-4772 or pfassbender@howardcc.edu. Course number for registration is: #3205 XH139 7734.