

Child Specialist Training

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8 am – Noon

Family Mediation Center
126 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Rationale: Families and courts are searching for help as they navigate divorce and separation processes. Courts, families, and other professionals have recognized that child specialists serve families in a unique manner providing an important balance of neutral understanding of family issues and expertise in parenting, family relationships and adjustment to divorce and separation. This area of practice is growing in mediation, collaborative, and traditional cases. There is a need for more skilled and well-trained child specialists.

Description of Role: A child specialist is a licensed mental health professional who has special training and experience in working with children and families going through divorce or separation. The child specialist is a professional resource option to assist in issue resolution that impact families. A child specialist brings value to professionals, courts, children and parents.

Objective of Training: Child specialist is a dynamic role that requires a high degree of knowledge and training in child development, family relationships, parenting, conflict resolution, neutrality, adjustment to divorce and separation, legal issues, and navigating the legal process. This training will provide participants with training on:

- The child specialist process
- How to maintain neutrality
- How to manage conflict within the process
- Education for parents on separation, communication, parenting
- Understanding the legal process and working with attorneys and the court
- Interviewing children
- Providing neutral feedback to parents
- Developing parenting plans with parents
- Supporting families on post divorce/Separation issues

Continuing Education: This course will meet the requirements for 4 CEU's for the State of Wisconsin.

Cost: \$200

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