



**SPECIALIZED DESIGNATION FAMILY (PARENTING)**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pronouns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Family (Parenting) designation is granted to mediators who have met qualifications to assist families in planning for the care of children, taking into account the child's best interests including the child's needs and views.

Mediators with this designation are qualified to facilitate child-informed planning including scheduling, decision making, and child support. Planning may include decision-making with respect to the child's relationship with parents, guardians, stepparents, stepsiblings, grandparents and significant others.

Note: Mediators with this designation may or may not be able to assist with decisions with respect to property and finance. Please check with the mediator or search for mediators with a Family (Property) designation.

We encourage all applicants to ensure the accuracy of the information in a completed form. Mediate BC's Admission Committee will be relying on this for their review and may seek additional clarifications.

**1. ROSTER MEMBERSHIP**

I am a Registered Roster Mediator in good standing with Mediate BC.

**2. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:**

Knowledge of child development ages and stages and how this affects planning including:

- Child development ages and stages
- The needs of children through divorce, including the impact of trauma and stress on childhood brain development, children’s attachment needs post separation, positive parenting models attuned to children’s need for reduced conflict post separation.
- Parenting plans consistent with ages and stages of development

This knowledge may be demonstrated by completion of training courses on child development totaling at least 6 hours:

Child’s Development Course	Institution & Primary Trainer	Date	Hours
<b>Total Hours</b> ( <i>minimum 6hrs</i> )			

OR

Good standing on the [BC Parenting Coordination Roster](#)

OR

Demonstrated relevant professional training to be reviewed and approved by the Admissions Committee. Applications citing relevant professional training must include details of that training, usually including the name and contact information for the

trainer (s) or training institution and a course or program syllabus. Where additional information is required, an Admission panel member may contact the applicant for additional information in written or oral form.

### 3. CHILD’S VIEWS:

Knowledge of how to include a child’s views in mediation must including an understanding of:

- What constitutes a non-evaluative interview
- How to ask age-appropriate questions of children
- Current research on including the voice of the child in family decision-making
- How to bring the child’s views into mediation
- How to meet with children in a virtual setting
- Preparing parents to receive the information
- Delivery of the child’s views in mediation
- Addressing safety concerns with respect to children upon release of information on a child’s views

This knowledge may be demonstrated by completion of training courses on the child’s views totaling at least 12 hours:

Child’s Views Course	Institution & Primary Trainer	Date	Hours
<b>Total Hours</b> <i>(minimum 12hrs)</i>			

OR

- Good standing on the [BC Hear the Child Roster](#) or [BC Parenting Coordination Roster](#).

#### 4. IMPACTS ON CHILDREN

Knowledge of the impacts of separation and divorce on children including knowledge of:

- Trauma, mental health and addictions, effects on children and ways to minimize the impact on children
- The dynamics of family conflict, impacts on children and ways to minimize the impact on children
- Grief and loss and the impact on children and ways to minimize that

This knowledge may be demonstrated by completion of training courses on impacts on children totaling at least 12 hours.

Impacts of separation and divorce on children	Institution & Primary Trainer	Date	Hours
<b>Total Hours</b> ( <i>minimum 12hrs</i> )			

OR

- Good standing as a [Certified Family Relations or Certified Comprehensive Mediator with Family Mediation Canada \(Standard or Advanced\)](#) or good standing on the [BC Parenting Coordination Roster](#)

OR

- Demonstrated relevant professional training to be reviewed and approved by the Admissions Committee. Applications citing relevant professional training must include details of that training, usually including the name and contact information for the trainer(s) or training institution and a course or program syllabus. Where additional information is required, an Admission panel member may contact the applicant for additional information in written or oral form.

## 5. FAMILY DYNAMICS

Knowledge of family dynamics and the impact of family violence on children including:

- The impact of grief and loss on families and how this affects the mediation process
- The impact of power imbalances within families and how this affects the mediation process
- Cultural factors affecting family dynamics and how this affects the mediation process
- Dynamics of family violence, the impact on children and ways to minimize the impact on children
- How to screen for family violence and how to safely structure or terminate a mediation when family violence is an issue
- When to disclose threats of violence or suicide and the limits of confidentiality
- The effect of coercion and control
- Post-mediation safety processes
- Whether to conduct an online mediation where family violence is present and how to conduct this type of mediation
- Community resources and when/how to refer

This knowledge may be demonstrated by completion of training courses on family dynamics totaling at least 12 hours:

Family Dynamics	Institution & Primary Trainer	Date	Hours
<b>Total Hours</b> ( <i>minimum 12hrs</i> )			

OR

- Good standing on the [BC Parenting Coordination Roster](#) or the [BC Collaborative Divorce Roster](#) or good standing as a [Certified Family Relations](#) or [Certified Comprehensive Mediator with Family Mediation Canada \(Standard or Advanced\)](#).

OR

- Demonstrated relevant professional training to be reviewed and approved by the Admissions Committee. Applications citing relevant professional training must include details of that training, usually including the name and contact information for the trainer(s) or training institution and a course or program syllabus. Where additional information is required, an Admission panel member may contact the applicant for additional information in written or oral form.

## **6. PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Knowledge of relevant provincial and federal legislation with respect to children and the inclusion of the views of children in mediation including:

- The Family Law Act (FLA) including understanding of the best interest of the child, parental responsibilities, parenting arrangements, mobility, safety and protection from family violence
- The Divorce Act with respect to the best interest of the child and parenting arrangements
- The Child, Family and Community Services Act
- Legal requirements concerning disclosure of information
- The difference in jurisdiction between provincial and supreme court
- Filing agreements made in mediation with the court
- What to do if subpoenaed
- Knowledge of court-related mediation
- Legislation with respect to including the views of a child (including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)
- Knowledge of and ability to apply the Child Support (CS) Guidelines
- Understanding of the interrelationship between the CS Guidelines and the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines
- Knowledge of interprovincial issues with respect to child and spousal support
- Knowledge of what constitutes imputed income, unreported income, attributed income and arrears
- Knowledge of the importance of independent legal advice
- Awareness of other dispute resolution processes designed to address family issues and disputes, and the ability to describe them

This knowledge may be demonstrated by completion of training courses on provincial and federal legislation which covers the above.

Provincial and Federal Legislation Course	Institution & Primary Trainer	Date	Hours

OR

- Certification by the [Law Society of BC](#) as Family Law Mediator, Parenting Coordinator or Arbitrator

OR

- Good standing on the [BC Collaborative Divorce Roster](#)

OR

- A minimum of two years of practice as a family lawyer. Applications citing relevant professional experience must provide details of that experience. Details may include firm name(s), length of practice, % of practice focused on family law, areas of family practice (e.g. separation and divorce, fertility law, child welfare, estates). Where additional information is required, an Admission panel member may contact the applicant for additional information in written or oral form.

**7. EXPERIENCE**

Experience as a mediator or facilitator in a minimum of 10 mediations totaling a minimum of 50 mediation hours where “child-centered” issues were a significant focus of the mediation. Family mediations that focus exclusively, or primarily on property division and financial matters will not count towards this designation. (They may be applied towards the Family (Property) designation). Child-centered means that the issues being mediated focus on the child’s needs. Please provide information on the issues being addressed in processes listed as experience for this designation.

This experience may include:

- Up to 5 out of the 10 required RRM mediations provided these mediations addressed “child-centered” issues
- Up to 5 traditional decision-making processes
- Up to 5 collaborative decision-making processes in child welfare
- Up to 5 Parenting Coordination matters, as a qualified parenting coordinator
- Up to 5 Child Protection Mediations, as a member of the Child Protection mediator roster

Applications relying on processes other than mediation, must provide process details. An Admission Panel member may contact the applicant for additional information in written or oral form.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Process Type:</b> Mediation, Traditional Decision-Making Process, Collaborative Decision-Making Process in child welfare, Parenting Coordination, Child Protection Mediation.	<b>Issues Addressed During Process</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Total Hours</b> ( <i>minimum 50 hours</i> )			



**8. APPLICATION FEE:**

I have made a payment in the amount of \$100 as a non-refundable designation fee by:

PayPal    OR     Interact E-transfer

**9. CONSENT:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my consent for Mediate BC's Admission Panel and Roster Manager to enquire into any representation made in connection with this application for the purpose of clarifying whether I have met the requirements for Family (parenting) designation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature