

About the Trainers

Milena Christopher, M.A., J.D. – Milena Christopher is a Family Law Attorney and a TMCA Credentialed Advanced Mediator, who also served on the Board of Directors for the Central Texas DRC (formerly Hays County DRC). She has a Master's degree in Psychology in addition to her law degree, is a Former Sex Crimes and Child Abuse prosecutor, and is a past President of the Board of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center. She has also served as a 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, and is an Adjunct Professor at Texas State.

Barbara L. Stroud, JD - Barbara L. Stroud is a TMCA Credentialed Advanced Mediator and is certified by the Association of Attorney-Mediators. She is a 1989 honors graduate from the UT School of Law. Barbara has a private family law and mediation practice and she also regularly conducts volunteer mediations for Central Texas DRC and Austin DRC, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas and Travis and Hays County Settlement Weeks. She is a former board member for Central Texas DRC (formerly Hays County DRC) and currently serves as board president for the Dripping Springs ISD school board.

Taylor Cobarruvias, M.A. – Taylor Cobarruvias is the Executive Director for the Central Texas DRC. She is from Houston, Texas and received her BA from the Sam Houston State University in Criminal Justice. She has a M.A. in Legal Studies with an emphasis in Mediation from Texas State University.

Optional Presenters Include:

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



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30-Hour Family Mediation Training Course

September 9-18, 2015

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

The Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is a non-profit organization that provides mediation services and training for individuals and organizations in Hays, Guadalupe, Comal, and Caldwell Counties.

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Family Mediation Training

About the Training

The Central Texas 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 where 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 9-18, 2015

- Wednesday, September 9th, 6-9pm
- Friday, September 11th, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, September 12th, 8am-5pm
- Wednesday, September 16th, 6-9pm
- Friday, September 18th, 8am-5pm

Location: TBD

MCLE Credits have been approved 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*

Fee Schedule:

Regular Fee: \$500
Resident of Hays, Comal, Caldwell or Guadalupe County: \$400
Students and Spanish Speaking: \$350
Multiple participants same organization: 2, 10% off; 3, 20% off; 4, 30% off, 5, 40% off; 6 or more, 50% off.

(Nonrefundable administrative fee of \$25 ea. participant)

Complete and return this form with payment to Central Texas DRC.

Fall 2015 Family Mediation Course

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