



Proudly presents:

Meeting with Children: Introducing a Structured Approach

with Lorri Yasenik, PhD

OVERVIEW: This one-day training will focus on non-evaluative meetings with children. How do we create opportunities for children to describe their experiences of family and social life post separation? How do children and young people want to speak with us? How do we get out of the way of leading the child and hear what children have to say?

The course will focus on play-based and expressive techniques to create a safe space for sharing through projective activities. The use of projectives allows children to express thoughts, feelings and concerns that come directly from the child rather than driven by pre-determined interview questions. Participants will examine the process of “inquiry” and will explore the use of symbols and metaphors as a way children show and tell us about their experiences. The focus is on knowing more about what is important to the child than what is important to third parties such as parents and systems.

The training is for those working in a variety of roles with families going through separation and divorce, including Hear the Child Interviewers, Parenting Coordinators, Mediators, Family Law Therapists and Assessors, and Children’s Advocates and Lawyers.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Introduce a structured approach to meeting with children
- Differentiate “meetings from interviews” with children
- Present a tool for organizing children’s thoughts, feelings and concerns
- Identify effective structured third party feedback strategies
- Identify ethical considerations related to child meetings
- Identify important child development considerations.

Please return the completed form and your payment to:

BC Hear the Child Society

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NOTE: The course provides **6.5 hours of CPD** and has been approved by the following organizations:
- **LSBC** recognizes 6.5 hours towards CPD, and towards Parenting Coordinator & Mediator accreditations;
- **BC Hear the Child Roster** recognizes 6.5 hrs towards the child interview skills portion of the basic training;
- **BC PC Roster Society** recognizes 6.5 hours towards their 7 hours of child interviewing.

Contact sherry.f@telus.net for more information and registration.

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Friday, December 1st, 2017 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
The Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University
580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

REGISTRATION FEES: (please check one)

Registration fees include light refreshments and lunch at the Wosk Centre

BC Hear the Child Members: Early Bird Registration Fee, prior to Nov. 10, 2017: **\$200.00**

BCPC Roster, Mediate BC Family Roster & BC Collaborative Roster, prior to Nov. 10, 2017: **\$300.00**

Non -Roster Early Bird Registration Fee, prior to Nov, 2017: **\$400.00**

All registrants, **after** Nov. 10, 2017: **\$475.00**

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

SURNAME

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FIRM NAME

PROFESSION

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POSTAL CODE

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Cancellation Policy: There is a **\$75** administration fee for any cancellations made **after November 15, 2017**