

Child Protection Committee Report

The Child Protection Committee began in the winter of 2013 and has four members, Mary Damianakis, Lia Versaevel, Vicky Visca and Donalda Halabuza as chair. We have met throughout the year and have two new members, Lia who joined the committee in the winter and Vicky who joined the committee in the spring of 2014. We continue to seek out new members who have experience in Child Protection Mediation. It is important that people on this committee have experience in child protection mediation, a background in family violence, addictions, and an understanding of various social problems (ex. the effects of poverty on families, colonization etc.) and cultural sensitivity. The aim of this committee is to promote and advance the practice of Child Protection Mediation in Canada.

Our goals are to expand knowledge about CP Mediation, to provide education about Child Protection Mediation and be a source for FMC members to obtain information about CP Mediation. We want raise visibility of CP mediation as one of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods available to families who are involved with Child Protection Services. Therefore, we are proceeding to plan a webinar that will feature Perri E. Mayers as the facilitator. The tentative dates for the webinar dates are November 28 and December 5 at 2 PM EST (Ontario and Quebec time).