

**Child Protection Mediation Committee Report**  
**FMC's Annual General Meeting**  
**November 16, 2013**

This committee began in the winter of 2013. It consists of Mary Damianakis and Donalda Halabuza, as chair. We have had several telephone conference meetings to determine what the purpose and focus of this committee will be. In addition we have collected information on mediation in child protection services, such as AFCC paper on Child Protection Mediation and the special issue of AFCC in 2008. We put out a call for members and made a decision on how to proceed when we have more members on this committee. 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) and cultural sensitivity.

While Mary and Donalda have discussed several possibilities of moving forward, such as conducting a survey to determine the use of Child Protection Mediation in Canada, we would need research grants to complete this project. Research of this nature would be labour intensive activity and research assistants would be needed be used to conduct telephone interviews with various child protection services in the country. At present, Saskatchewan's Ministry of Social Services does not use mediation in child protection cases.

**Report on Child Protection Mediation- Prepared by Dr. Donalda Halabuza**