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WHAT’S UNIQUE ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATIVE MODEL OF CONFLICT INTERVENTION?

A FAMILY MEDIATION CANADA WEBINAR

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This 2-hour webinar will identify and discuss three ways in which the transformative model is unique and different from other approaches to intervention. First, the model is theory-based – that is, it articulates the theory of both conflict and human nature that underlies the model. Second, the model is focused on “interaction, not transaction” – that is, it sees the primary goal of intervention as supporting positive interaction rather than solving problems that arise in transactions. Third, the model privileges party agency and self-determination in all aspects of the intervention process – that is, it is a fully client-driven approach to intervention. These three core aspects of transformative intervention will be explained and illustrated. Time will be afforded for questions after the main presentation.



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