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### “I Want Them to Know How I Feel & What I Think!” - Including Children in Family Mediation

Presented by Donald Saposnek

2:00pm Eastern, Thursday, September 23, 2021 (1.0 hour)

**Learn More:** To effectively include the voices of children in the mediation process, mediators first need to understand the various contexts and purposes for getting information about the needs of children, including evaluative parenting assessments for the courts, private collaborative divorce, and private mediations. Mediators need to know effective approaches and strategies for getting the input of children of different ages, to optimize children’s comfort in expressing their needs and wants.

The session will address the following issues:

- Why include children?
- When in the process should they be included?
- How should they be included?
- When should they not be included?



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