

## Screening for Family Violence, Power Imbalances, Coercive and Financial Control (10-hour training for family law professionals)

**FRIDAY, April 29, 2022- 2 pm to 5 pm (3 HOURS)- ZOOM VC**  
**SATURDAY, April 30, 2022- 9 am to 4 pm (7 HOURS)- ZOOM VC**  
(all times are Eastern time)

Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner Violence) manifests in many forms, including physical or verbal abuse, power imbalances and coercive control which includes stalking, excessive jealousy and financial control.

Research and published statistics by various provincial authorities identify a number of red flags and risk factors that amplify risk of harm or death. According to the Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (2018), some 71% of all domestic homicides involved a history of domestic violence and **67% involved an actual or pending separation**. Consistent national recommendations from death review committees include trauma and culturally informed manners to encouraging disclosure, training to identify family violence, and strengthening early safety planning and management of barriers.

With the recent changes to the **Divorce Act and the Family Law Act**, legal practitioners will need to increase their competencies and skills in screening for family violence, and learn how to effectively encourage safe disclosure, to make confidential referrals and to support their clients with effective advocacy.

This course will be facilitated by Antoinette Clarke, Comp.Cert. Fam.Med (FMC), MSW, RSW adjunct faculty, School of Social Work, York University), Marie Nickle, LL.B., LL.M., AccFM and Mina Vaish, LL.M. The course will incorporate role plays, substantive learning and other exercises based on real cases.

Special Guest Speaker: Robin Trombley, Counsel. Family and Children's Law Team, Family and Youth Justice Policy Section.

### Course Objectives

- To develop an understanding and awareness of the issue of domestic violence and to understand the dynamics of power between parties
- To incorporate an effective and ongoing screening process
- To determine parties' capacity to negotiate and make decisions in the absence of fear and coercion
- To develop a comprehensive approach and analysis to determine an appropriate protocol
- To critically evaluate the challenges of domestic violence in legal advocacy
- To understand the interplay of various intersections such as race, class/caste, sexual orientation, culture, ability and social location
- To provide experiential learning through role-plays and real-life case scenarios drawn from the court mediation program.
- A substantive review of the new HELP Toolkit by Justice Canada  
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fl-df/help-aide/index.html>

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screening-for-family-violence-power-imbalances-coercive-control-tickets-276863505197>

To learn more about this customized training please contact Antoinette Clarke at [aclarke@peelfamilymediation.org](mailto:aclarke@peelfamilymediation.org) or 905-452-7367.

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