

Mediation Center of Dutchess County's 35 Hour Volunteer Mediator Training



35 Hour Basic Transformative Mediation Training
Thursday, August 11 – Sunday, August 14 (4 consecutive days)

Location: Marist College

Training is limited to 15 participants

Who should apply for this training?

People who live or work in Dutchess County and want to become volunteer mediators for the Mediation Center. You must attend a mandatory orientation session, complete the apprenticeship and make a year-long volunteer commitment.

What will we learn in this training?

Theories of conflict,
The mediator's role as an intervener,
Skills practice including reflective listening, summarizing and checking in,
Mock mediation practice with an experienced coach,
Cultural competency awareness in mediation,
Ethics, confidentiality and other critical topics for mediators,
Working with people with high conflict behaviors,
Working with parties and their attorneys.

What people say about our training:

"The mix of interactive sections with lecture and video clips was great!"

"Extremely well organization and presented!"

For more information visit our website at www.dutchessmediation.org

About the Trainer:

Jody Miller is the EEO/Human Rights Officer for Dutchess County and was the Executive Director of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County for 16 years. She has worked closely with courts and the community to develop and provide mediation and conflict resolution training programs over her more than 20 years in the alternative dispute resolution field. During her tenure and in partnership with the domestic violence community, Jody and her team created the award winning Domestic Violence and Mediation Safety Project. She serves on the Dutchess County Aging Services Advisory Board, NYS Sen. Sue Serino's Aging Advisory Council and is a member of the Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan's Elder Justice Working Group.

Jody is an adjunct professor of mediation at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and is a Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation. She is the author of the chapter, "*Choosing to Change: Transitioning to the Transformative Model in a Community Mediation Center*," in the publication, Transformative Mediation: A Sourcebook: Resources for Conflict Intervention Practitioners and Programs, Association for Conflict Resolution/Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, 2010. In 2013, with the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, she created a video of a transformative commercial mediation that includes parties who are represented by their attorneys. She wrote the article, "*Mediating Commercial Cases: A Case for Transformative Mediation*," ACResolution, Winter, 2015. She has been a presenter at conferences throughout the United States, as well as in Italy and China. She was key to creating a Surrogate's Court Mediation Program in collaboration with Dutchess County Surrogate's Court.

For more information or to register go to www.dutchessmediation.org or contact Honey Minkowitz at hminkowitz@dutchessmediation.org or 845-471-7213 ext. 211.

To Apply:

1. Sign up for a mandatory orientation. Orientation sessions are held at the Mediation Center at the following dates/times:
 - Wednesday, July 13, 10am – 11:30am
 - Tuesday, July 19, 12pm – 1:30pm
 - Thursday, July 21, 5:30pm – 7pm
2. Complete an application form for the training, a background check form and submit with payment of \$250. Forms will be distributed at the orientation. Some scholarships may be available; inquire when submitting application.
3. Sign up for an individual 30-minute interview and return completed materials to hminkowitz@dutchessmediation.org or by mail to
The Mediation Center of Dutchess County
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ATTN: Basic Mediation Training

The Mediation Center of Dutchess County

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