FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING WITH DR. KAREN IRVIN

April 11-13, and April 25-27, 2013 (all six days required)
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cost: $1300
CLE: 40 Standard credits to be applied for
Rule 114 Qualified course for inclusion on the MN Supreme Court Neutral Roster

Enrollment limited to 15

About the Course

Family mediation gives people who are divorcing or separated and co-parenting a creative alternative to the family courts for making decisions about their relationship, and how they impact their children's lives. It is a cooperative and constructive way to resolve differences and plan for the future. Minnesota District Court requires that alternatives to court be considered early in the dissolution process. **Certified Family Mediation Skills provides the opportunity to become a qualified family facilitative neutral under The General Rules of Practice for the District Courts Rule 114.**

Highly-regarded expert instructor, Dr. Karen Irvin, brings many years of experience as a mediator, counselor, parenting time expediter, parenting consultant and custody evaluator. The course covers conflict resolution and emotional issues surrounding divorce as well as learning specific techniques for mediating custody and property disputes. Special attention is paid to identifying families experiencing domestic violence. A variety of teaching methods are used, including demonstrations, role play, and discussion. Karen's approach to the material, practice expertise and interaction with participants encourages reflective practice. Students learn from each other's experiences and often form enduring professional ties. **To ensure maximum engagement, her six-day course is limited to fifteen people, and light breakfast and lunch are provided so that the class can engage in informal discussion throughout the day.**

About The Instructor

Karen Irvin has a master's and doctorate in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. She worked with Hennepin County Court Services Domestic Relations Division in Minneapolis, MN for six years, serving as a mediator, counselor and custody evaluator, and working in a supervisory capacity for four of the six years. Dr. Irvin has been in private practice as the owner and director of Minnesota Mediation & Counseling Center since 1981. She specializes in working with separating and divorcing individuals, couples and families, providing mediation, parenting consulting, and custody evaluations. She has also provided mediation and parenting consulting workshops and training throughout the United States and internationally. Dr. Irvin was on the marriage and family therapy faculty of Argosy University for six years, with a teaching emphasis in ethics, human sexuality and mediation; she is currently adjunct faculty for Wm Mitchell and St. Mary's University graduate program in marriage and family therapy. Dr. Irvin has authored and co-authored articles related to her areas of expertise. Dr. Irvin is approved as a supervisor by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy in Minnesota and is also an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Approved Supervisor.

Dr. Irvin also co-teaches Parenting Coordination with Andrea Niemi.