***\*We’ll be holding this workshop either in person or on-line.  If it is safe to meet together by August. we will meet in person, 8/13 - 17.  If it is not yet safe by August, we will meet virtually on a modified schedule:  August 14-26, 8/21-22, & 10/10.***

***40-HOUR BASIC DIVORCE MEDIATION WORKSHOP

Mediation Matters***[***www.mediationmatters.com***](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcdr.org%2FEmailTracker%2FLinkTracker.ashx%3FlinkAndRecipientCode%3DZcJTcyz0SD9qs1IVnIl0u5D01MHMvo2PvR9If1FUn1N6Fjf6BERBaiEqg5j8Y0KCat%252bjKG%252b3uK36aFq3WM4320quSj75sUEnqOQaGtX3fi8%253d&data=02%7C01%7Cmacro%40mdcourts.gov%7Ca9552daf2bd64fbd3ee408d7a829048e%7C2be0e635355c4ebda05f937800f269e9%7C1%7C0%7C637162766459196418&sdata=mh2I1qKpQ87%2FKJ9afYYRf4GnCNI%2B5tWcIEenu1Y9oWo%3D&reserved=0) ***August 13 - 17\*
Rockville,  MD.

What does this workshop  include?***

 ***This 40-hour interactive training offers participants a clear framework and hands-on training to enable participants to work effectively with divorcing parties.. The workshop presents a six-stage model for structuring the mediation process.  The workshop employs a wide range of formats including role play,video,  lecture, discussions, simulations, story and music to cover the basic content areas of divorce mediation - property division, support and parenting plans.***

***Included are components on
-the core paradigms for dealing with conflict
-the emotional process of divorce and its interface with mediation
-styles of mediation: identifying yours
-screening for domestic violence
-mediation and the  law: their relationship
-confidentiality; its limits
-using caucus? should you? how?
-the added value of co-mediating
-mediator ethics: three codes that apply to you
-starting your practice & marketing
-writing competent memoranda; avoiding UPL
-certification
and much more.

A distinctive feature of this training is extensive use of video, including tapes of actual mediations. Small group role-playing sessions allow participants to practice the skills of mediation with one-on-one feedback from an experienced mediator/coach. Each participant will receive a 400-page Manual and the forms we use with clients.***

***“Exceeded my expectations; the best money I’ve ever spent on an educational program. I wish I’d taken (it)  earlier in my   career…Trainers care about your development…Highly recommended!”*                                                 Aaron Fray, attorney, Newark, Delaware**

**Does this course qualify me to be a mediator?**

**This training has been approved by the Family Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR), the national professional association in this field, as a 40-hour comprehensive divorce mediation program. This program fulfills the training requirements for Practitioner Member status of ACR, as well as the Practitioner Mediator Member status of the Academy of Professional Family Mediators (APFM).  It also meets the 40-hour requirement for basic mediation training under Rule  17 of the Court of Appeals in Maryland for those wishing to be approved  as mediators. The workshop is also approved for Category 1 SW CEUs for Maryland social workers and for Category A CEUs by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists**.

**Who are the faculty for  the course?**
***Carl D. Schneider, Ph.D.*Over the past thirty-six years, Carl has trained several thousand family mediators. The Director of Mediation Matters in Kensington, Maryland, Carl is a licensed  licensed clinical Marriage and Family Therapist (Maryland), a Certified Mediator with the Maryland Council on Dispute Resolution (MCDR), and with the Supreme Court of Virginia, an Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR), and an Advanced Mediator Member of the Academy of Professional Family Mediators (APFM). He is also one of four mediators in Maryland certified by the International Mediation Institute (IMI).  Carl has been on the Board of Directors of the national Academy of Family Mediators and has served on the editorial board of Mediation Quarterly. He holds his Ph.D. from Harvard University.**

***“Brilliant and wise. Beautifully organized. Terrific balance of teaching modes. Delightful collaboration between Carl and Audrey."*                                                         Steve Pershing, Attorney, Washington, D.C.**

***Audrey M. Yowell, Ph.D., M.S.S.S.*Audrey co-mediates and trains with Mediation Matters. She brings to mediation her passion for working with children and families. She has worked in Head Start and in treatment settings for adolescents. Audrey has trained for government and private organizations, including as Vice-President of the Technical Assistance and Training Corporation. She has served as Field Instructor for graduate schools of social work. A member of the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution (MCDR) and the Academy of Professional Family Mediators (APFM), Audrey received her M.S.S.S. from the Boston University School of Social Work, and her Ph.D. from the Heller School, Brandeis University.**

**Coaches:** **Experienced mediator coaches will give hands-on individual feedback in small group role plays.**

***“…very apparent Carl cares deeply about the field of mediation, his clients, and helping new colleagues be successful in mediation.”***

**Dr. Emily Cook, licensed clinical marriage & family therapist, Bethesda**

**Cost:**

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| **Registration fee is $175.  Total early cost (by July 13th)  is $1385 (registration included).** |

For more information, please contact**carl@mediationmatters.com****,**call**301/581-0330,**and visit [**www.mediationmatters.com**](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcdr.org%2FEmailTracker%2FLinkTracker.ashx%3FlinkAndRecipientCode%3DZcJTcyz0SD9qs1IVnIl0u5D01MHMvo2PvR9If1FUn1N6Fjf6BERBaiEqg5j8Y0KCat%252bjKG%252b3uK36aFq3WM4320quSj75sUEnqOQaGtX3fi8%253d&data=02%7C01%7Cmacro%40mdcourts.gov%7Ca9552daf2bd64fbd3ee408d7a829048e%7C2be0e635355c4ebda05f937800f269e9%7C1%7C0%7C637162766459196418&sdata=mh2I1qKpQ87%2FKJ9afYYRf4GnCNI%2B5tWcIEenu1Y9oWo%3D&reserved=0)**. \_**

                ***“Fabulous!…if I never do a minute of mediation, this class was well worth it - f or my own personal development…the greatest strength is Carl and Audrey thermselves. They create a space of congeniality for learning and a safe place to try and fail.***

***Cheryl Hemsley, F.E.C., Federal government, Rockville, MD.***