

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

TARGETING RESOURCES

TO MEET FAMILIES' NEEDS

Thursday October 19, 2017
5:00pm - 7:00pm Evening Reception

Friday October 20, 2017
Bram & Bluma Appel Salon
789 Yonge Street, 2nd floor, Toronto, ON
Toronto Public Library
(Yonge St. and Bloor St.)



The Association of Family and
Conciliation Courts (Ontario Chapter)
Ninth AFCC Ontario AGM
& Annual Conference

8:00 am	Registration & Breakfast (included)
8:30 am	Annual General Meeting and Opening Remarks
9:00 am	Dr. Arnie Shienvold – Cadillac vs. Chevy How Do We Balance the Push and Pull of Limited Resources? An American perspective of the challenges of matching available resources to clients' needs.
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Relocation Update Professor Rollie Thompson, Elizabeth McCarty, Dr. Arnie Shienvold and Justice Susanne Goodman review the cases, the considerations, and the impact of relocation.
12:15 pm	Lunch (included) & Awards
1:15 pm	Parenting Coordination: Serving Families or Fuelling the Fire? Dr. Irwin Butkowsky, Dr. Barbara Fidler, Dr. Arnie Shienvold and Philip Epstein debate the merits and utility of this approach to conflict resolution.
2:00 pm	Forward Thinking on "Intersection" Cases (Custody and Child Protection) A Summary of the 2016 AFCC-O Symposium Dr. Michael Saini, Andrea Himel and Justice George Czutrin reflect on next steps to address domestic cases that intersect with the child protection system. OR Advocacy, Assessment and ADR in Cases Affected by Intimate Partner Violence Pamela Cross and Justice Jennifer Mackinnon provide insights into this challenging area.
2:50 pm	Break
3:05 pm	Gender Identity Dr. Joey Bonifacio and Justice Sheilagh O'Connell explore the impact of gender identity issues on parents and children affected by separation and divorce. OR Mastering Mediation Justice Carolyn Jones and Brian Burke will discuss essential factors to be considered by family law mediators and lawyers, when embarking upon the mediation process and when finalizing a mediated resolution. Professor Rachel Birnbaum will provide some highlights of AFCC-Ontario's exciting mediation research project, with the results to be presented at next year's annual conference.
3:55 pm	The Dr. Phil Show with Special Guest Justice Stanley Sherr Our annual (and light-hearted) review of recent and important child-related cases.
4:25 pm	Closing Remarks