



Screening for Domestic Violence and Power Imbalances (14 hour)

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9:00am-4:00pm

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Cost: \$900 +HST (early bird until March 1)
or \$950 +HST after

This training is a 14-hour course on screening for power imbalances and domestic violence specifically for professionals working in family law. Understanding the role of power in the relationship dynamic is key when assisting people to negotiate outcomes in family law. This course is designed for family arbitrators and parenting coordinators and must be repeated every five years if you have completed less than 10 cases in that time. The course is also specific for mediators who are seeking formal accreditation.

The trainer, Michelle Hayes, has taught this course in various parts of the province to lawyers and mental health professionals, dating back to 2009. She is an Accredited Family Mediator (OAFM), parenting coordinator, child custody assessor, clinical panel member of the OCL and trained therapist in private practice. Speakers, co-trainers, and skilled coaches supplement the lectures. Case studies, role plays, and exercises are designed to teach family law professionals how to identify, assess and manage risk and power imbalances in their practices.

The training will include attention to most or all of the following elements:

- the nature and extent of domestic violence
- the roles and responsibilities of the screener
- a wide range of screening tools and how they are used
- limitations of screening techniques
- how to identify concerns of people from diverse cultures
- how to adapt parenting plans when domestic violence is present
- appreciating the power of the mediator/arbitrator
- how to screen for abuse and power imbalance
- the form and content of screening reports
- the effects on children of exposure to domestic violence
- how to determine when to proceed when safeguards are in place
- knowledge of community resources to deal with domestic violence

Registration Policy: Registration will close 7 days prior to the start of the course date. Full payment of fees is due before registrations are accepted. Refunds of the registration fee less an administrative fee of 20% plus HST will be provided for cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the start of the course date. Please complete the registration form and forward it with payment to michelle@successfulfamilies.ca. Cheques are payable to Successful Families Inc.