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THE CHILD-CENTRED CONTINUUM MODEL Increasing Child Focus in Family Mediation/ADR Processes



This one day course introduces the Child-Centred Continuum Model (CCCM). The program highlights children as “parties to” rather than “objects of” the family law and child protection systems. The day starts from the premise that children are active participants in family systems even when adults attempt to protect them from negative elements of those systems.

WHEN: Thursday 27 September, 8.30am for 9am start

WHERE: Signatures Room, The Hilton, Darwin

COST: \$100.00 per person (includes course materials, refreshments, morning and afternoon teas and lunch) register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-child-centred-continuum-model-tickets-49801118486>

The CCCM is a four level framework around which the voices of children may be brought to parents in the most effective manner. The trainers have identified the limitations of *one size fits all approaches* to child inclusive family law processes, employing the four level framework to the typologies of parent readiness around which a child inclusive strategy can be selected. In effect a child inclusive strategy needs to be selected that is adjusted according to parental readiness to hear their children’s voices.

In completing this training, participants will be introduced to a tool that assists in identifying the readiness of parents to hear their child's voice (the Parent Readiness Scale (PRS)), and a tool to assist in collating child feedback around generally identified areas of concern for post separation children (the Child and Youth Concerns Scale (CYCS)). Also explore the typologies of cases that would be suited to each level of child involvement.

Suitable for legal practitioners, parenting coordinators, mediators, mental health practitioners, child protection workers, the Judiciary and others working in family law, child protection, child & family counselling.

At the conclusion of the course participants will:

- identify the four levels of child involvement and the cases in which each level is most appropriate
- understand how the practitioner roles and focus can change according to each of the four CCCM levels
- be introduced to case examples
- explore the ethical implications of child inclusive practice, the challenges of employing a child focused strategy, and the cost associated with not bringing the voice of children forward in family law processes.

About your presenters:

Jon Graham BA LLB (Australia) and Lorri Yassenik PhD (Canada) are the directors of the International Centre for Children and Family Law Inc (ICCFL).



Jon Graham LLB BA(Psych) Grad Dip FDR (Australia) – Jon is a registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (Family Mediator) based in Sydney. Jon has qualifications in law, psychology and commerce as well as post-graduate qualifications in Family Mediation. Jon combines over 20 years of clinical experience with families affected by separation and divorce with a substantial training calendar across Australia. Jon is the Clinical Director of the Institute of Specialist Dispute Resolution, a provider of tailored family dispute resolution processes for families presenting with complex issues. The Institute also provides training and clinical supervision for mediators in Australia.

Lorri Yasenik PhD, RSW, CPT-S, RPT-S (Canada) – Lorri is registered Family Mediator, past President of Alberta Family Mediation Society, Registered Parenting Coordinator-Arbitrator, Registered Clinical Social Worker, Registered Play Therapist and Child Specialist. Lorri provides child psychotherapy and play therapy and is the Co-Director of Rocky Mountain Play Therapy Institute. She delivers national and international training related to children's issues and specialised child and play therapies. Her doctorate dissertation focused on "including the Voice of Children of Separation and Divorce in the Legal System".