



Northern Community Mediation

Where The Solution Is Up To You

Serving Emmet &
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SUMMIT PARTICIPATION

The Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) is an organization made up of representatives from the various social service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Its mission is to facilitate interagency cooperation, coordination and collaboration for the improvement of human services.

Each year, HSCB holds an Information Summit. This year's summit was held on Friday, September 23. Program Coordinator Pat Dull led a session entitled "Juvenile Crime: Repairing Relationships Through Mediation," and Intake Coordinator Janice Elliot conducted a session entitled "Mediation: Where the Solution Is Up To You." A special thanks to both of them for their excellent presentations.

NCM also had a booth at the Summit. Along with display brochures, posters and other information, three door prizes were offered.

Lisa Wregglesworth won a package of Merle Norman cosmetics from Shirley Casemier of David's Place in Petoskey. Carol Markiewicz from David's Place donated a haircut, which was won by David Rousseau. And, Marcia Campbell won a gift certificate from Gurney's Bottle Shop in Harbor Springs. The drawing was a huge success. Thank you to our contributors.

SPEAKING OF DONATIONS

Attorney Stefan Scholl was involved with a mediation and discovered that NCM did not have any decent calculators. Consequently, he donated the money to purchase several calculators for the mediators. You will find those calculators in the top, left-hand drawer of the desk in the large meeting room at NCM. A big thank you to Stefan!

OCTOBER 14 IS COMING

We have had a great response to our upcoming workshop *Ten Ways Mediators Could Get Sued*. To date, 35 people have signed-up for the workshop. Of those individuals, 21 are mediators for NCM.

It is not too late, however, to capitalize upon this opportunity. If you have not yet registered or know of someone else who would like to participate, contact NCM as soon as possible.

DIVORCE TRAINING

I want to thank personally all of you who participated in the divorce training that related to the books *Parents Are Forever* and *Divorced But Still My Parents*. It was a perfect example of two heads being better than one. We came up with excellent ideas on how best to implement the program and evaluate the effectiveness of the grant. Thank you Pat Dull, Janice Elliot, Lou Fantini, Dick Hendrian, Bruce Herbert, Lee Hornberger, Kathy Lame, Pam Ovshinsky, Connie Saltonstall, David Searles, Diana Souza, and Karen Tank.

BOARD RETREAT

On Tuesday, November 1, the NCM Board of Directors will hold a retreat from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The Strategic Planning Committee is planning that workshop. A primary focus of the session will relate to capacity building. More information will be available upon completion of the retreat.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

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