



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### HAPPY CAMPERS



Pictured from left to right, trainer Steve Tresidder and mediator Bruce Herbert.

If this picture is any indication, the Civil Law Training held on Friday, January 15 was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Nineteen people participated in the training. All of the evaluations stated that Steve did an outstanding job, and what can be relatively dry, boring material was fascinating and interesting—all because of the way Steve presented the information. Good job, Steve.

### OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER

Through Volunteer Connections, a website launched by United Way for the purpose of connecting volunteers with non-profits, we have a new volunteer who has agreed to come in once a week and work as an administrative assistant. Margie Parish has been with us only two weeks, but already she has gotten us caught up on many tasks. If you are around on a Tuesday, stop in and meet Margie. She is a great addition in our office.

### IN THE NEWS

Mediator Christine Gebhard is one of five volunteers who works with Hospice patients to help them “share their special memories with loved ones in a format that is most meaningful to them. Journals, life story books, and poetry are among the Legacy Projects.” Along with the article, there was a great picture of Christine and the others.

### CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION

We had originally scheduled a Child Protection Mediation Training session for Friday, March 12. Unfortunately, that date will not work. Therefore, we are working on re-scheduling that training. We will also add a second day. Therefore, the training will be a total of 16 hours, rather than the originally planned eight hours. These two days will not be consecutive. Rather, they will be spread over a two-month time period.

Before we go any further in our planning, however, we need to know if a sufficient number of people are interested in taking the training. Assuming that you would not have a conflict on the training dates, would you let the center know if you are interested in taking the training? Please, do so by Friday, February 19.

### PROJECT CONNECT

Project Connect, which is a day of services for those in need, is scheduled from 10:00am to 5:30pm on Wednesday, February 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A special thanks to Mary Horan, Kendal Taylor and Wayne Tri who have agreed to help at the NCM booth.

### FORTY HOUR TRAINING

The 2.411, SCAO-approved 40-hour training will be offered at Charlevoix City Hall.

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| Wednesday, April 21 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, April 22  | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, April 23    | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

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| Wednesday, April 28 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, April 29  | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, April 30    | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

Registration forms are available online at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/> or by calling the NCM office at 231.487.1771.