



The Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc

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To:

From: Tricia Wright, Training Services Coordinator/Registrar

Re: Divorce & Family Mediation Skills

Divorce & Family Mediation Skills During the last decade, divorce mediation has emerged as an alternative to the traditional legal system. As a result, there is a continuing need for approved, professionally trained neutral third parties to assist divorcing couples to identify, negotiate, and resolve the issues arising from the decision to divorce.

An intense, five-day (42-hour) course, it covers all aspects of the divorce process. With the changes in child support, parenting, financial issues in the family system and diversity of cultures in the world this course provides a wealth of information. \$1390.

Training that usually takes place for five (5) consecutive days, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Some of the course content includes:

- The process of mediation
- Conflict resolution, problem solving
- Emotional "hooks" affecting mediator neutrality
- All issues dealing with separation/divorce
- Standards and ethics
- Starting your own mediation practice
- Domestic Violence
- Coaching feedback from experienced mediators
- One hour for lunch (provided), two 15-minute breaks

Advanced Divorce Practicum This 2-day course meets the requirements for the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution for observations and co-mediators. Participants will observe and co-mediate with an experienced neutral in domestic cases. Divorce Mediation training is a prerequisite for this course for those who want to be registered. The cost of the two-day Advanced Training is \$400.00 (lunch included).

Domestic Violence Issues in Mediation More and more states are requiring or encouraging their domestic mediators to have additional training in domestic violence issues. See schedule below. The cost of the two-day Advanced Training is \$400.00.

Most of us are aware that violence and domestic violence are often part of conflictual situations, especially during divorce. While we also know violence, too often, becomes the "family secret", as mediators, we need to be aware of the warning signals, and especially aware of the importance of the safety of the victim. Most Court Mediation Programs in Georgia now must have mediators on their roster who have taken the Advanced Domestic Violence Issues in Mediation Training.

This two day intensive training consists of the following:

Day one:

- Overview of domestic violence
- dynamics
- impact on families, children
- impact on the mediation process
- information from perspective of advocates who work with victims and batterers
- legal information
- screening for domestic violence
- ethical considerations
- safety planning
- appropriate referrals
- special considerations in agreement writing

Day two:

- entire day of role-plays
- mediating when domestic violence is known
- mediating when domestic violence is not known
- terminating inappropriate cases
- dealing with parenting issues and unfair agreements

This two-day intensive training is for trained divorce mediators. Other professionals may sign up for day one only. Day two involves participatory role-plays where prior Divorce Mediation training is necessary.

This training is approved for CLEs for attorneys, CEs for Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and through NBCC for other counselors

DIRECTIONS TO THE JUSTICE CENTER OF ATLANTA
976 Edgewood Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307-2580
Training Office: (404) 523-3613, ext. 236

The Justice Center of Atlanta is located in a residential neighborhood in the Inman Park/Little Five Points area approximately 3 miles east of downtown Atlanta. We are 1 block west of the Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station. Our address is 976 Edgewood Avenue and is directly across the street from The Trolley Barn event facility (large green building).

There are several buildings in the Atlanta area that have Justice Center in their names so be sure to come to 976 Edgewood Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307. The building will be open by 7:45 AM on all days of your training.

BY BUS: Take the #17 Inman Park/Lakewood bus directly to the Inman Park/Reynoldstown station. JCA is 1 block west traveling on Edgewood Avenue.

BY MARTA RAIL: From the 5 Points Station, take the eastbound train to the Inman Park/Reynoldstown station. After leaving the train, take the elevator or escalator up and go through the turnstiles. Turn to the right and look for the sign labeled Inman Park exit. At the end of the exit corridor is an elevator on your right and stairs to your left. Either will take you down to a walkway beside a parking lot. At the end of this walkway, you should be facing the intersection of Edgewood Avenue and Hurt Street. Walk straight – west – on Edgewood for 1 block and JCA will be on the right at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street. *(For unlimited rides during the week, you may purchase a weekly TransCard at the 5 Points Station for \$13.00.)*

FROM THE EAST OR WEST: Take I-20 to exit #60 (Moreland Avenue exit). Eastbound Exit 60B North. Westbound Exit 60 North. Head north on Moreland through 7 traffic lights. (Pass Edgewood Retail District — Target and Lowe’s — on your right and then go under an overpass.) At the 7th traffic light, turn left on Euclid Avenue. Continue on Euclid through 2 more traffic lights to the 4-way stop. Turn left on Elizabeth Street. Go 1 block to Edgewood Avenue. The JCA will be on your right at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

FROM THE NORTH (southbound): Take I-75/85 south to exit #248D (Jesse Hill Drive/JW Dobbs exit). Proceed straight from the exit ramp to the 3rd traffic light. Turn left on Edgewood Avenue. Continue on Edgewood for approximately 1.5 miles. The JCA will be on your left at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

FROM THE SOUTH (northbound): Take I-75/85 north (stay in the far right lane) to exit #248B (Edgewood Ave/Auburn Ave/ JW Dobbs exit). Turn right on Edgewood Avenue. Continue on Edgewood for approximately 1-1/2 miles. The JCA will be on your left at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

FROM DOWNTOWN ATLANTA: Five Points/Underground/Peachtree Street NW/Decatur Street NE/Marietta Street NW, take Edgewood Avenue east for *approximately* 2.5 miles. You will pass Georgia State University, Grady Memorial Hospital/Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital, and the Sweet Auburn Curb Market/Municipal Market. The JCA will be on your left at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

FROM DECATUR: Take DeKalb Avenue west to Elizabeth Street. Turn right on Elizabeth. Proceed one block to Edgewood Avenue. Turn left. The JCA is the first building on the right at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

Free parking is available in the center’s lot or on any of the adjacent streets.

Lodging Accommodations Near JCA **Atlanta has conventions year round, BOOK EARLY!!**

Downtown Atlanta Hotels

Some hotels are not directly on MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; some hotels are within walking distance of MARTA stations. The Justice Center is located 1 block from a MARTA station (see travel directions).

Atlanta Marriott Marquis
265 Peachtree Center Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-521-0000
www.atlantamarquis.com
2.3 miles* - 2 blocks to MARTA

Regency Suites Hotel
A Boutique Hotel
975 West Peachtree St at 10th St.
404-876-5003
toll free: 1-800-642-3629
www.regencysuites.com
miles* - Adjacent to MARTA

The Georgian Terrace
659 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2309
404-897-1991
www.thegeorgianterrace.com
2.7 miles * - 2 blocks to MARTA

Hilton Atlanta
255 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-659-2000
www.hilton.com
2.1 miles * - 2 blocks to MARTA

Holiday Inn
101 Andrew Young International
Boulevard NW
Atlanta, GA 30303-1030
404-524-5555
[www.holiday-
inn.com/atldowntown](http://www.holiday-inn.com/atldowntown)
2.4 miles * - 2 blocks to MARTA

Omni Hotel At CNN Center
100 CNN Center NW
Atlanta, GA 30335
404-659-0000
www.omnihotels.com
2.3 miles * - 2 blocks to MARTA

Residence Inn Atlanta Midtown
1041 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
404-872-8885
www.marriott.com/hotels
3.67 miles* - 1 block to MARTA

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
165 Courtland Street at
International Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30303.
404-659-6500
www.sheraton.com
2.1 miles * - 2 blocks to MARTA

Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303-1745
404-659-1400
www.westin.com
2.4 miles * - 1 block to MARTA

Bed and Breakfast facilities in our neighborhood.

King-Keith House
889 Edgewood Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30307
404-688-7330
www.kingkeith.com
0.1 mile *

See website:
www.inmanpark.org

Sugar Magnolia
804 Edgewood Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30307
404-222-0226
www.sugarmagnoliabb.com
0.2 mile *

Guest Suite in Private Home

960 Edgewood Avenue
Atlanta, GA: 404-523-5804
(next door to Justice Center)
(You must mention Justice
Center.

* distance from lodging to JCA

JCA does not recommend any hotel nor have we established a relationship with any of the hotels on this list. However, Tricia would appreciate your feedback if you find any listed accommodation less than satisfactory.



**Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc.
Mediation Training Schedule and Fees**

Class Dates - 2010		
January 7-11	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
January 25-29	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
March 8-12	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
March 22-26	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
April 19-20	Advanced: Divorce Practicum	\$400
April 26-30	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
May 7 & 8	Domestic Violence	\$400
May 13-17	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
June 2-4	Juvenile Delinquency Cases	Success Consulting
July 7-9	Juvenile Deprivation Cases	Success Consulting
June 14-18	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
July 26-30	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
August 4-5	Advanced: Divorce Practicum	\$400
August 9-13	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
August 24-26	ADVANCED Mediation Skills, Techniques & Approaches	**\$695
September 13-15	Juvenile Delinquency Cases	Success Consulting
September 20-24	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
October 14-18	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
November 4-6	Juvenile Deprivation Cases	Success Consulting
November 8-9	Domestic Violence	\$400
November 15-19	Basic Mediation Skills *	\$1390
December 6-10	Divorce & Family Mediation	\$1390
December 13-14	Advanced: Divorce Practicum	\$400
Tuition for	Advanced Mediation Skills, Techniques and Approaches ** and Mediation in Special Education (20-Hour Courses)	**\$695.
Tuition for	Advanced: Divorce Practicum	\$400.
Tuition for	Basic Mediation Skills (40 Hours) *	\$1390.
Tuition for	Divorce & Family Mediation Training	\$1390.
Tuition for	Domestic Violence	\$400.
Tuition for	Mentoring for Mediators (must reside locally & be a registered mediator in Georgia)	\$600.

*** Request information packet for Mediation in Special Education (Tricia@justicecenter.org)

** Advanced Mediation: Skills Techniques & Approaches: Federal Employees' Tuition is \$693 per GSA contract #15F-0076K

* required for registration in Georgia as a neutral (mediator). Satisfies the requirements for mediation training and observations. For registry information, see page 8.

To Register for a Class:

Individuals must send a registration form with full payment by check, money order, cash, or a credit card.

Government employees may register with a check, credit card, or purchase order (federal: form 1556, or SF 182 – with ALL necessary signatures). JCA runs credit card charges 3 weeks before the class begins (unless requested by the agency to do otherwise).

Cancellation and Refund Policy – please read carefully:

Due to the high volume of requests for our classes and a consequent necessity to create a waiting list for each class, the following cancellation policy for all JCA classes in 2010 is effective March 1, 2010.

You must cancel at least 7 full business days before the training to receive a full refund.

Enrollees who cancel fewer than 7 full business days before the class must, within 6 months, register for and attend another class; otherwise all **payments are forfeited** to the Justice Center of Atlanta.

There is a non-refundable no-show fee. In the case of a no-show, the class fee will not be refunded. If a 1556 or SF182 was issued, we will invoice the government agency the full cost of the training.

Refunds are issued to the payor of record.

NOTE: Dates, location & tuition costs are subject to change. The JCA reserves the right to cancel any scheduled class at our discretion.

JUSTICE CENTER OF ATLANTA, INC. - REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEDIATION TRAINING

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name: (Formal name as it would appear on a certificate) (First name or nickname for nametag)

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone Numbers H: W: Fax:

Email Address:

Place of employment: Position:

Describe any reasonable accommodations we might need to make in order for you to be able to participate in the training:

Bar # (if applicable) Degree (required for divorce mediators):

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE JUSTICE CENTER OF ATLANTA?

Personal Referral Email Notice JCA Web Site Other Web Site:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Dates of Training/s:

Check courses in which you are registering: 5-day Divorce & Family Mediation Skills, \$1390

5-day Basic Mediation Skills, \$1390 2-day Advanced Divorce Practicum

3-day Advanced Mediation Skills, Techniques and Approaches, \$695* 2-day Domestic Violence \$400

3-day Mediation in Special Education, \$695 Mentoring for Mediators, \$600 (for local residents and

GODR registered mediators only)

*The cost of Advanced Mediation: Skills, Techniques and Approaches for federal employees is \$693 per GSA contract #15F-0076K.

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I understand that I must attend the full 40-hours of Basic Mediation Skills to be eligible for a certificate.

I understand that my application for training at the Justice Center of Atlanta is not an application to become a mediator for the Justice Center of Atlanta. I also understand that completion of the training course conducted by the Justice Center of Atlanta does not necessarily qualify me to mediate for, or be accepted as, a mediator for the Justice Center of Atlanta.

Date

Applicant's Signature

PAYMENT INFORMATION: CHECK/CASH [] Make check payable to JCA

CHARGE TO: VISA MasterCard Card #

Discover Diners Club American Express Expiration Date:

Print Cardholder's Name:

Authorized Signature:

Completed purchase order is attached. Send invoice to:

(Print contact name/address/phone#)

Phone:

Complete and sign this application, then send to Justice Center of Atlanta Attn: Training Services, 976 Edgewood Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307-2580. Phone: 404-523-3613, ext. 236; Fax: 404-523-3936; Email: Tricia@justicecenter.org

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