

**Great Lakes Regional
SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION INSTITUTE**
Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union * 15th & Wisconsin Avenue * Milwaukee, WI
Saturday, May 11, 2002

CO-SPONSORED BY:

Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS)
Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)

Friday, May 10, 2002

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception, Room 227, Alumni Memorial Union

Join Institute co-sponsors, CADRE and WSEMS, for light hors d'oeuvres and the tremendous opportunity to meet other stakeholders in special education mediation from the Great Lakes region.

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8:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast, Ballroom E, Alumni Memorial Union

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Institute Overview and Co-Sponsors' Welcome

Marshall Peter, *Director, CADRE, Eugene, Oregon*

WSEMS Partners: Nissan Bar-Lev, Special Education Director CESA 7, Jan Serak, Co-Director, Wisconsin FACETS, Eva Soeka, Director, Marquette University Center for Dispute Resolution Education
Stephanie Petska, WI Dept. of Public Instruction, Director, Special Education
Donna Hart-Tervalon, WI Dept. of Public Instruction, School Administration Consultant/WSEMS Liaison

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Role of Attorneys and Advocates in the Mediation Process

Ed Feinberg, *CADRE Consultant & Program Manager, Anne Arundel County Infants and Toddlers Program, Glen Burnie, MD*

Should attorneys and advocates participate in mediation? How do their roles differ in mediation from their roles in due process? Reactors: Jan Frankman, WSEMS Mediator, and Eva Soeka

10:00-10:15 a.m.

Break & Refreshments

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Legal Update

Patricia N. Engel, *Attorney, Schott, Bublitz & Engel*

Gary Ruesch, *Attorney, Quarles and Brady*

Session includes current information on statutes, litigation, etc. related to special education mediation.

11:15-12:00 noon

Writing Agreements & the Unauthorized Practice of Law

Howard S. Bellman, *Mediator and Adjunct Associate Professor, Marquette University Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution*, and Eva Soeka

Should mediators write agreements? Does the situation differ for attorney or non-attorney mediators? What is the role of mediation session participants in writing agreements?

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch Included

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Strategies for Difficult Special Education Cases

Panel: Karen Dorn, Jan Frankman, Percy Julian, Jr., Kaye Vance, *Mediators*

This panel discussion by experienced mediators will include strategies for case intake, determining participants, managing emotions, use of caucus, moving toward agreement.

2:00 - 3:15

Mediation Session (role-play)

Institute participants will be assigned a role as participants/observers in a mediation session related to a student with autism. Each multi-party group will work with an experienced mediator to resolve a complex, multi-issue case. (Rooms 231, 233, 313, 370, 374, Ballroom C, D & E)

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Break & Refreshments

3:30-4:15 p.m.

Debrief

Kevin Gibson, *Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Marquette University*; and Eva Soeka

Mediators and role-play participants will discuss what worked well in their sessions, with comments on mediator opening, issue identification, options generation, mediation style, confidentiality, etc. by experienced role-play coaches.

4:15-4:45 p.m.

Moving from an Adversarial Culture to One of Collaboration

Nissan Bar-Lev and Jan Serak, *WSEMS Project Partners*

Session includes stakeholder-training issues, including early conflict resolution, preparing participants for mediation, and modeling collaboration through co-training of blended audiences.

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4:45 - 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

AUDIENCE:

All stakeholders interested in special education mediation will benefit from attending. Mediators, Attorneys, State Education Agency personnel, Parent Training & Information Center/Community Parent Resource Center staff, Advocates, Birth to Three/Part C agencies and state directors, Directors of Special Education, Students, Principals, Superintendents, Parents, Teachers, School Psychologists, Related Services personnel and others interested.

CONFERENCE FEE: \$100

REGISTER BY MAY 3rd: Attendance will be limited.

STIPENDS AVAILABLE:

CADRE and **WSEMS** will sponsor a limited number of Parent Training and Information Center and Community Parent Resource Center staff. Please call 414-288-0622 or 888-298-3857 for stipend availability confirmation.

LODGING:

Milwaukee Hilton Hotel, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, 414-271-7250/ 800-HILTON (10 blocks from the Union)

"Special Education Mediation Institute" block rate is \$105/single, \$115/double until 4/9.

Clarion Hotel, 5311 S. Howell Avenue, 414-481-2400 (across from Mitchell Intl. Airport, 15 min. drive to the Union)

"Mediation Institute" block rate is \$74/Queen until 4/10.

Please make reservations directly with hotel.

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

(Use one form for each participant)

NAME _____

AGENCY _____ POSITION _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

Type of Stakeholder:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediator | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> State Education Agency personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Training & Information Center staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Parent Resource Center staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth to Three/Part C agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth to Three/Part C State Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> School Psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Related Services personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE:

Check # _____ payable to: **CESA 7 - WSEMS** Purchase Order # _____ (Attach the Purchase Order)

Indicate if Stipend has already been approved by WSEMS for this PTI/CPRC staff person.

MAIL REGISTRATION BY May 3rd TO:

WI Special Education Mediation System
Attn: Jan Serak
Marquette University Center for Dispute Resolution Education
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