

# COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

Collaborative Practice is the fastest growing Dispute Resolution process in Family Law today, and in the last few years, Collaborative Practice groups have formed across the United States and Canada. This remarkable growth is driven by the essence of the process: the parties, attorneys and allied professionals agree that they will work together rather than resorting to the courts to help the parties resolve their disputes.

**Sponsored by:** Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals

**When:** Friday September 27 and Saturday, September 28, 2013  
Registration: 8:30 am  
Training: 9:00 am – 4:45 pm each day

**Where:** The Ithaca Quaker Meeting House  
120 Third Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

**Prerequisites for Attendance:**

Sincere Interest in Collaborative Practice  
Experience and an associated degree in one or more of the following fields: Law, Mental Health, Financial, Conflict Resolution

**Fees:** \$450.00 through August 1, 2013; \$500.00 after August 1, 2013  
Price includes continental breakfast and lunch for both days. There will be an optional social gathering on Friday, 9/27 for an additional cost.

*We seek to include all qualified professionals in the collaborative training course and will not deny participation if paying the full fee would be a financial hardship for that professional. Please contact us if you wish to discuss a reduced fee.*

**About the Program:**

This **Two-Day Intensive Training** includes a complete introduction to Collaborative Practice theory, practice, and skills development as well as ethics and practice development considerations. It is appropriate for professionals new to Collaborative Law as well as experienced professionals wishing to improve upon their skills. **This program provides 13 hours of New York State Continuing Legal Education credit which includes 1 hour of Ethics.**

The program will provide an overview of a multidisciplinary collaborative law practice and relationship building for lawyers, mental health professionals, mediators and financial specialists.

The competencies needed for the effective practice of collaborative practice are different from those in a traditional practice. They include:

- Preparing clients for interest-based negotiations
- Establishing a cooperative relationship between counsel and the parties
- Disclosing information voluntarily and without formal discovery
- Dealing with provocations and impasses

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Laura Ward at (607)220-3195 laurawardms@gmail.com

## **Presenters:**

**MARIETTE GELDENHUYS, Attorney and Mediator** has practiced law in Ithaca, New York for the past twenty-four years. She is the Founder and Founding President of the Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals. Her practice includes Collaborative Law, Mediation, LGBT law, Estate Planning, Municipal Law and Real Estate. Mariette has presented CLE seminars and collaborative practice training and workshops in the United States, Canada and South Africa and has been a workshop presenter at the annual Forum of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) each year from 2005 to 2010. She is a volunteer presenter on legal issues at Parents Apart, a course for separating and divorcing parents. She is a member of the IACP, the National Family Law Advisory Council of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the New York State Bar Association, the National LGBT Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on LGBT People and the Law. The focus of her practice is to assist clients in reaching peaceful, respectful resolution of legal issues in all her practice areas through Collaborative Law, mediation and constructive settlement advocacy.

**LAURA WARD, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Collaborative Mental Health Professional and Mediator** has worked in a variety of settings providing mental health services to adults, children and families since 2002. She was trained in the basic Collaborative model in 2009 and has since been actively involved as a Collaborative Mental Health Professional, assisting families as they transition through the process of divorce/separation as both a Coach and Child Specialist. She also provides Co-parenting Counseling and Family Mediation services through her private practice. Laura is an active member of the Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals, the current Vice President and a regular presenter for the group on issues related to families and the Collaborative Process. She is also a member of the IACP and NYS Council of Divorce Mediation. Laura is a presenter for Parents Apart, a workshop for parents who want to learn how to help their children cope during their divorce/separation and has presented at the Second Saturday Divorce Workshops for Women. She also presented at both the NYS Council on Divorce Mediation Fall Mini Conference and at the 2012 IACP Annual Forum in Chicago. Aside from her private practice, she teaches developmental psychology courses as an adjunct professor with Tompkins Cortland Community College.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ for training: \_\_\_\_\_ for social event: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is limited to forty (40) participants.

The cost for the Collaborative Practice Training is **\$450.00 (\$500.00 after August 1, 2013)**.

Training occurs from 9am – 4:45pm 9/27 and 28 at The Ithaca Quaker Meeting House, 120 Third Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 (registration 9/27 at 8:30am)

*On Friday night, 9/27 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, please join us for live music, refreshments and networking with other collaborative professionals at Six Mile Creek Vineyard, 1551 Slaterville Road, Ithaca, NY. Cost: \$10/person in advance, \$13 at the door. Please include payment with your registration.*

**Please make checks payable to IACLP and send the completed registration form and payment to** Iska Ziver, Clinton Hall Suite 2, 108 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Please note: Cancellations emailed or post-marked on or before September 13, 2013 will receive a full refund. Cancellations emails or post-marked after September 13, 2013 will receive a full refund less a \$50 processing fee.

**For information about the training content or to discuss a reduced fee, please contact:**  
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