

The Alberta Family Mediation Society (AFMS) is pleased to present:  
**The Magic of Elder Mediation – The Star Component**

with Judy McCann-Beranger  
August 27, 28 & 29, 2018  
Kahanoff Centre, Calgary, AB



### COURSE OVERVIEW

Elder Mediation is based on a wellness model that promotes a person-centred approach for all participants; it is mindful of the older person(s) while respecting the rights of each person participating. Regardless of the numbers present, each person is unique with his or her own narrative, intrinsic value, strengths and weaknesses. Through the Elder Mediation lens, aging is viewed as part of a continuing process of development and change, rather than just a period of physical and cognitive decline.

This learning component will combine theory and practice throughout the 3 days. The curriculum is evidence based, practical, hands-on and stimulating. Through the development of concepts regarding Elder Mediation theory, integrated with skill building opportunities, participants will explore the following topics that are required hours for the Elder Mediation Certification program:

- Balance of power and intersectionality
- Myths, misconceptions & stereotyping throughout the entire circle of support
- Implications of chronic health issues throughout the generations – how they impact the EM process
- The grief continuum for all involved – implications for EM
- Denial & ambivalence
- Initial conversations role play & screening
- Predictors of crisis

- Capacity building for all who are present
- Elder Mediation in action – role play
- Financial abuse & ethical considerations
- Referral processes
- Legal/non-legal divide.

### TRAINER

Judy McCann-Beranger is an international trainer, bestselling author, guest lecturer and certified Family Mediation Canada Family Comprehensive Mediator and Elder Mediator. She is Employee Assistance Coordinator for Teachers in Newfoundland. Judy pioneered training for elder mediators in 1994. With the assistance of numerous focus groups Judy drafted the code of conduct for elder mediators. Judy is Chair of Summits for the Elder Mediation International Network (EMIN) and has co-chaired nine World Summits on Elder Mediation. Judy is the Chair of Certification for Family Mediation Canada, is a past president of Family Mediation Canada, Family Service Canada and Past Chair of the Elder Mediation International Network. Judy has been involved in several research initiatives on elder mediation and led a community-based research project to inform the practice of elder mediation.

Judy has received several national awards along with the EMIN Sherren Award. Ambassador Patrick Binns, on presenting the award at the Canadian Embassy in Dublin, congratulated Judy for her exceptional contributions to the advancement of elder mediation globally and remarked on her tenacity, leadership and inspiring work – both in Canada and abroad bringing together some of the greatest minds in the world on elder mediation. “The resultant positive impact on families around the world is to her credit” said Ambassador Binns.

**REGISTRATION** - includes lunch, refreshments, coffee breaks and all materials. Please inform of any dietary restrictions. **ACCOMMODATION:** [Click here for discounted rate at the Hotel Arts](#)

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