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**Parenting Coordination: Practice, Research, and the Interface Between Psychology and Law**

This workshop is jointly sponsored by **APA Office of Continuing Education in Psychology** and the **APA Practice Organization**.

**Workshop Description**

This **INTRODUCTORY** to **INTERMEDIATE** workshop offers a valuable opportunity for psychologists and other professionals working with high-conflict families to learn about the emerging field of parenting coordination (PC). Participants will learn the basic skills needed for PC work. Mediation skills, interventions to reduce conflict, and ethical considerations will be presented. Relevant research will be reviewed. The intersection between psychology, law, and the courts will be discussed. Information on how the APA Practice Organization effectively collaborated with judges, lawyers and universities to establish the first-ever Office of the Parenting Coordinator in the DC Superior Court will be presented. Participants will also learn the basics of setting up a PC practice.

**This workshop is designed to help you:**

1. Explain the role of the parenting coordinator in working with families going through divorce;
2. List and describe the skills that a parenting coordinator uses;
3. Describe several ethical issues that are relevant to parenting coordination work;
4. List a variety of care-giving constellations and describe cultural, socioeconomic, and diversity issues relating to parenting coordination;
5. Create a plan for beginning or expanding a parenting coordination practice;
6. List and describe mediation techniques that can be used by parenting coordinators; and
7. List several interventions helpful to reduce conflict among caregivers and/or children.

**Leaders:** Shirley Ann Higuchi, JD, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC; Debra K. Carter, PhD, Carter Psychology Center, Bradenton, Florida; Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Roberta Eisen, MEd, LPC, Independent Practice, Washington, DC; Barbara Jo Fidler, PhD, Independent Practice, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Joan B. Kelly, PhD, Independent Practice, Corte Madera, CA; Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD, Independent Practice, Palo Alto, CA

**CE Credits:** 7

**Enrollment Limit:** 120

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.-3:50 p.m.

**Fee:**            **Advance**    **Regular**

**Member:**        \$210        \$245

**Nonmember**    \$245        \$310

**Enrollment opens April 15, 2009. Visit [www.apa.org/ce](http://www.apa.org/ce).**

This workshop has been reviewed and approved by the APA Continuing Education Committee (CEC) to offer Continuing Education (CE) credit to psychologists. The APA CEC maintains responsibility for the content of the program.