



**Wisconsin  
Inter-Professional  
Committee on Divorce**  
Presents  
**an Advanced Seminar**

**WIPCOD  
36th Annual Conference  
May 3 & 4, 2012**

**Presenters:**  
**Voice Not Choice**  
**Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D.**  
Practice in Child Clinical and Forensic  
Psychology  
**May 3, 2012**

**Intensive Interventions  
for High Conflict  
Co-Parents**  
**Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D.**  
Clinical Psychologist, Parent  
Coordinator, Co-parent Counselor  
**May 4, 2012**

Kalahari Resort &  
Conference Center  
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**THURSDAY, May 3, 2012**

<b>7:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>8:15 - 8:30</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Introduction of Scholarship Recipients Introduction of speaker	
<b>8:30 - 10:00</b>	<b>Voice not Choice</b> Benefit to the court? Benefit to the child? International law sets the stage The United Nations Convention on The Rights of Children Emerging practice standards across guilds and jurisdictions	
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>	
<b>10:15 - 10:45</b>	<b>Maturity Matters</b> The concept of the "mature minor" in family law.	
<b>10:45 - 12:00</b>	<b>Should All Voices be Given Comparable Weight?</b> Horizontal decalage and the chameleon kid	
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch provided</b>	
<b>1:00 - 1:30</b>	<b>Systemic Confounds and the Child's Voice</b> Scripting, coaching, bribery and related skulduggery. The enmeshed child: adultification, parentification and infantilization	
<b>1:30 - 2:30</b>	<b>Alienation and Estrangement</b>	
<b>2:30 - 2:45</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	<b>Hands on, How-to Methods</b> The value of playing dumb Words as clues Consistency across context, time, media and behavior. The truth game The Query Grid The Adjective Sort Knowing Our Limits	
<b>3:45 - 4:00</b>	<b>Questions</b>	
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Hospitality and Networking Ivory Coast Lounge</b>	

**FRIDAY, May 4, 2012**

<b>8:15 - 8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>8:30 - 8:30</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Introduction of speaker	
<b>8:30 - 9:15</b>	<b>The Dynamic Intractable Conflict</b> Individual vulnerability and dysfunction and disengagement, parentification	
<b>9:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Conceptual models for working with disengaged, parentified children</b>	
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>	
<b>10:15 - 12:00</b>	<b>The Nuts and Co-Parent Work</b> Creating function between co-parents The use of cyberspace	
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch Provided</b>	
<b>1:00 - 2:00</b>	<b>Assisting Co-Parent Decision Making</b> Facilitating agreement Making recommendations	
<b>2:00 - 2:30</b>	<b>Coordination Between parent Professionals, court-involved professionals</b>	
<b>2:30 - 2:45</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	<b>Professionalism Questions</b>	

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### Benjamin D. Garber Ph.D.

A clinical child psychologist and state certified Guardian ad Litem who resides in New Hampshire. August 2010. He is the author of "Keeping Kids Out of the Middle (HCI,2008) and Developmental Psychology for Family Law Professionals" (Springer 2008) as well as several other books and hundreds of articles in all areas of child and family development. He has served as a consultant to both the United States and Canadian Court systems.

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#### Learning Objectives

- Be provided contemporary research and case law in support of the child's inclusion in developing his or her post-divorce custody plan.
- Develop methods suited to eliciting the child's voice.
- Be provided developmental and systemic considerations relevant to understanding the Child's voice with regard to his or her future Custody, including enmeshment, estrangement and alienation.
- Learn practical and immediate considerations relevant to eliciting the voice of the child in ending and future custody Matters.

### Matthew J. Sullivan Ph.D.

A clinical psychologist in private practice in Palo Alto, California, who specializes in forensic, child and family psychology. He serves in numerous roles as a custody evaluator, mediator, special master and also provides expert testimony in custody situations. He is the author and presenter on topics such as high conflict divorce, Parent coordination, child alienation and forensic matters. He is a currently a board member for AFCC.

#### Learning Objectives

- Be provided a conceptual model of co-parenting after divorce.
- Develop a working understanding of the concepts of structural disengagement and parallel parenting as the principle interventions with high conflict co-parents;
- Work through a practical set of procedures to do co-parenting work with highly conflicted co-parents;
- Identify the utility of working with comprehensive parenting plans as the basis for functional parallel co-parenting;
- Learn principles and procedures in co-parenting work to provide intensive training in functional co-parenting;
- Describe professional practice and ethical issues that can create professional risk for those who work with high conflict co-parents

#### Scholarship Information

WPCOD has made five scholarship/grants available to individuals involved in the area of divorce, including Family Court Social Workers, Mediators, Custody Evaluators, Guardians ad Litem, Domestic Violence Counselors, Mental Health Counselors, Psychologists, Judges, and Court Commissioners. The grants also cover graduate students in the above mentioned fields, as well as in social work, counseling, and law. The scholarship/grant will cover attendance at the conference, course materials, and lunch for both days. Additionally, we will provide \$100 to help defray costs of lodging and or travel. Interested parties should visit our website for further information and application at: **[www.wipcod.org](http://www.wipcod.org)**

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