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## EXPERIENCE

2009 – Family Life Educator for Parenting Partnerships, Inc.

2005 to Present *DJS Mediation Services, Allen, TX* – **Mediator & Owner** Resolved Family & Business disputes through negotiation and written agreements; Difficulties Schools & families and/or staff members at the campus and district level; issues ranging from discipline to special education.

2006 to Present *Collin College, Plano, TX* - **Primary Instructor** for Business Mediation Certificate Series; Developed curriculum for series. C.E.U. Workshops for Mental Health Providers for *Continuing Education*. Business Lectures & Corporate training for *Business Solutions Group*.

2008 to 2009 *Divorce Mediation Settlement House, Miami, FL* – **Family Mediator** Handled family court cases for national mediation firm. Filed Mediated Settlements in FL, NY, TX, GA, MD, MA, IL, CA, including the terms of divorces, visitation, child support modifications, and parenting dilemmas.

2005 to 2007 *Southern Methodist University, Plano, TX* - **Research Assistant** to M. Collatrella, Assistant Director of DR program. Collaborated on a mediation textbook revision, published 2007. **Intern &** current **Volunteer** for SMU Center for Dispute Resolution, involving Collin County family court cases.

2003 to 2006 *Allen Independent School District, Allen, TX* - **Substitute teacher** Work with ages 6-19 both in classroom and individually, including students who received an alternative education placement

2005 *Dallas Challenge, Dallas, TX* - **Program Facilitator**, “Pathways to Success” Behavior modification for non-violent, court-referred adolescent girls & their parents

## EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Dispute Resolution - Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2007  
B.S., Psychology & Marketing - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 1991

## CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING:

General (80 hours) & Family (80 hours) Mediation Certificates, SMU  
Parenting Coordination Training (24 hours) with Domestic Violence (8 hours), HGI  
PC/Intensive Interventions (High Conflict Shared Parenting), (12 hours), M. Sullivan, Ph.D.  
High Conflict Institute (High Conflict Personalities), (6 hours), B. Eddy  
Family Violence Training (12 hours), Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Dispute Mediation Service, Inc. (Practicum, ongoing volunteer), (over 30 hours), Dallas County  
Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training (8 hours), P Wright, Esq.  
Communication & Conflict Management, various CEU trainings, (over 30 hours)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Texas Association of Mediators  
Collaborative Law Institute of Texas  
Association of Family & Conciliation Courts  
Southwest Conflict Resolution Network  
Texas Mediation Trainers Roundtable Council