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*I have dedicated my career to working with families to overcome various challenges. My role as a family mediator evolved from my experiences as an elementary school special education teacher, and later as a financial advisor. In these roles, I observed how professionals can help to remedy conflict within families with guided conversation that uses specific skills in communication and negotiation.*

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## **Professional Experience:**

2016 – Present

**Axis Family Mediation Inc.**, Hamilton, Kitchener, Cambridge, Guelph, Simcoe, Cayuga & Brantford  
**Position: Family Mediator** – Mediate, both on-site and off-site, issues brought forth by parties in relation to their relationship breakdown; intake, facilitate, draft mediation reports; and facilitate Mandatory Information Programs.

2016 – Present

**Linda Chodos MSW, RSW, Acc.FM**, Toronto, Ontario

**Position: Parent Coordinator (Intern)** – Assist parents in high conflict situations to implement their previously agreed to or court ordered parenting plan, by providing coaching, mediation, and on occasion, arbitration services, to resolve conflicts related to decisions for the children.

2015 – present

**Passages Mediation**, South Simcoe County and York Region

**Position: Family Mediator, Private Practice** - Mediate issues brought forth by parties to a relationship breakdown; such issues as custody, access / parenting plans, support, property division matters and any others the clients present for resolution.

2014 - present

**Peel Family Mediation Services**, Brampton and Orangeville Court Locations

**Position: Family Mediator (Intern) and Mandatory Information Program Facilitator** - Facilitate presentations of the Ontario Courts Mandatory Information Program; Intern of on-site and off-site family mediation from September, 2014 to March, 2015.

2013 - present

**Passages Financial Strategies**, Ontario, Canada

**Position: Independent Life Insurance Licensed Financial Advisor** - Assess personal financial needs analysis; develop and implement clients' financial security plans; manage business administration as the business owner.

Fall 2015

**The Mediation Centre**, Barrie, Ontario

**Position: Family Mediator** (Intern) - Provided court on-site mediation services in Ontario Family Court.

Winter 2014

**Shank Law Professional Corporation**, Alliston, Ontario

**Position: Legal Assistant, Ad Hoc** - Assisted the support staff of a family law firm, while observing the options of negotiation and the court process for dispute resolution, to supplement training as a family mediator; aided with customary reception duties, managed client files; drafted and served other parties, and filed documents in court.

2008 -2012

**National Bank Financial Group**, Orangeville and Alliston Locations

**Position: Personal Banker** - Assisted clients to meet their financial goals using the Bank's products.

2007 - 2008

**Investors Group**, Don Mills, Ontario

**Position: Investment Consultant** - Assessed, developed, implemented and maintained personal financial plans with clients to grow their financial wealth.

1998 - 2007

**Simcoe County District School Board**, Simcoe County

**Position: Elementary School Teacher** - Taught junior and intermediate level students, in regular and special education classrooms; developed, presented, and implemented Individual Education Plans; contributed to school community working collaboratively with other teachers.

### **Education and Designations:**

**Bachelor of Arts**, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario (1993)

**Family Life Education Certificate**, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario (1994)

**Masters in the Science of Education**, Niagara University, Buffalo, New York (1996)

**Certificate in Dispute Resolution**, York University, North York, Ontario (2015)

**Accredited Family Mediator**, Ontario Association for Family Mediation (2015)

**Financial Industry Licensing**, Canadian Institute of Financial Planners, Canadian Securities Institute (Mutual Funds), Foran Financial Institute (LLQP) (2007-2016)

## **Mediation Training and Professional Development:**

<b>Advanced Family Mediation &amp; Power Imbalances Course</b> , The Mediation Centre, Barrie, Ontario	2012
<b>Mediating Child Support</b> , Family Mediation Canada	2014
<b>Family Law Training for Mediators</b> , The Mediation Centre, Barrie, Ontario	2014
<b>Domestic Violence Symposium</b> , Peel Family Mediation Services, Brampton, Ontario	2014
<b>Child Protection Mediation, Introduction &amp; The Child and Family Services Act</b> , OAFM	2014
<b>Parenting Coordination Basics</b> , Riverdale Mediation, Toronto, Ontario	2015
<b>Advanced Parenting Coordination</b> , Riverdale Mediation, Toronto, Ontario	2015
<b>Advanced Parenting Coordination</b> , Family Solutions, Toronto, Ontario	2015
<b>New Ways for Families</b> , Bill Eddy with Ontario Association for Family Mediation	2015
<b>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact</b> , Family Solutions, Toronto, Ontario	2015

## **Community Experiences & Affiliations:**

New Hope Committee (Newmarket), February, 2016 – present <i>Co-Chair of Sponsorship Group, UCC-NewRoads Automotive Group Partnership</i>
Alliston Potato Festival Committee, 2011 to present <i>Community Coordinator of Fairgrounds Marketplace</i>
People in Transition (Alliston) Inc., 2012/2014 <i>Board of Directors, Chair of Fundraising &amp; Public Awareness Committee</i>
Girls on the Run of Simcoe County, 2010/2011 <i>Board of Directors, Treasurer</i>