



North Shore Community Mediation, Inc.



BULLETIN

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE:



This past spring during National Volunteer Appreciation week, we took the opportunity to recognize several of our long-term members at a Volunteer Recognition Event at the Danversport Yacht Club. Among the honorees were Swampscott resident Avis Feldman and Danvers residents Barbara and Joe Younger. Avis began volunteering in 1985. Since then, she has been a regular mediator at the Salem and Peabody small claims courts and has assisted in numerous mediation trainings including those held at North Shore middle and high schools. Barbara and Joe have been active in the mediation community since 1979. Since then Joe, a successful businessman and past Selectman in the town of Wenham, has been a regular mediator at Salem's small claims court and in the community. Joe has also participated in juvenile cases referred by the Essex County Juvenile Court. Barbara, a retired Family Attorney/Mediator, has also been actively mediating for the community mediation program since her training in 1979. Barbara was instrumental in assisting the Program to develop a Divorce/Family Mediation Project and is currently providing expertise to the new NSCM Elder Mediation Project. Her encouragement and support made this project become a reality. Barbara and Joe continue to be active volunteers with North Shore Community Mediation. Thank you to Avis, Barbara and Joe for their long term dedication to NSCM!



Pictured are Avis with her family and Joe and Barbara at the event in April/2008

FINANCIAL FACTS

NSCM was awarded a grant of \$25,000 from the Mass. Attorney General's Office **Face to Face Mediation Program** for fiscal year '08-'09! NSCM is now working in cooperation with the Attorney General's Office to help resolve consumer based conflicts from the courts and communities of the North Shore, particularly Salem, Peabody and Beverly, towns that had not been covered by other Face to Face mediation programs in the past. We will be working hard in the coming year to get the word out about NSCM and the consumer mediation services we offer. Thank you to the Attorney General's Office!

Massachusetts Bar Association Iolita Grant –The Mass. Bar Association has increased NSCM grant funding for both our District Court Small Claims program, Juvenile Court Parent/Child Mediation program as well as our Probate & Family Court program! Thank you Mass. Bar!

If you see your North Shore Legislator –please thank them for their continued support! NSCM again received legislative funding for Fiscal Year 2009.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES

Mediation of Disputes:

- Domestic
- School
- Community
- Business

Other Services:

- Workshops
- Seminars
- Training
- Speakers to:

- Organizations
- Schools
- Police
- Social Service

Agencies

- Civic and Professional Organizations



COURT MEDIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE:

State Wide Court Conflict Resolution Training Day, June 26, 2008 –

NSCM participated in a state wide one day training open to all Mass. Court employees. Adam Knowlton-Young and Cynthia McClorey were both trainers at the one day training in Leominster, and by most accounts it was a very successful day! Approximately 150 court employees from all branches of the court system came to together to be exposed to Alternative Dispute Resolution in the courts, and to learn some concrete conflict resolution skills to help them in their daily work.

Probate & Family Court increases to twice monthly –

As part of an ongoing initiative started in 2007 to offer mediation services in the Salem branch of the Essex County Probate & Family Court, NSCM is excited to now offer our services one Wednesday per month in addition to one Friday per month. These services are greatly appreciated by the parties, judges and other court personnel, and we hope that our expanded presence in the Probate and Family Court will be able to help that many more parties as well as lighten the court’s docket.

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION EDUCATION

COORDINATOR UPDATE:



NSCM partners with Higgins Middle School in Peabody and is awarded a \$26,000 grant from the MA Attorney General’s Office.

The grant money supports the collaboration of Second Step, A World of Difference and Peer Mediation at Higgins Middle School that will work as a violence prevention and intervention network for students and staff. Twenty new mediators will be trained this fall and an advanced peer mediation training will be offered to returning mediators. NSCM, Second Step and A World of Difference will provide an all staff professional development workshop cultivating program awareness and school conflict resolution needs. We are VERY excited about this new, progressive endeavor!

Marblehead High School, St. John the Evangelist & St. Mary Star of the Sea and Higgins Middle School are contracted for Peer Mediation Training this Fall!

BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING 2008!

The BMT will be held this Fall at Salem State, with one day, September 29th, being held at the Cummings Center. The dates and times are as follows:



- Monday 9-22-08 5pm - 9:30pm
- Wednesday 9-24-08 5pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday 9-27-08 8am - 5pm
- Monday 9-29-08 8am - 5pm (At the Cummings Center, room TBA)
- Wednesday 10-1-08 5pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday 10-4-08 9am - 1:30pm

Melissa Brodrick will be the lead trainer and will be supported by other NSCM trainers and coaches. The cost is \$600. Please contact our office for more information!