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Dear Colleagues,

The August issue of *Kiplinger's Retirement Report* includes an article by Beth Brophy: "**Solving Sibling Squabbles Over a Parent's Care**" with the summary: "If advance planning didn't do the trick, hiring a professional mediator can help settle a family feud."

You can read it, including a quote by Elder Decisions® mediator and trainer Arline Kardasis, here:

<http://www.kiplinger.com/article/retirement/T013-C000-S004-solving-sibling-squabbles-over-a-parents-care.html#J6ipoZxXJbjlYBfL.99>

or here:

<http://tinyurl.com/Kiplinger-ElderMediation>

Enjoy the weekend!  
Crystal

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Join us or encourage a colleague to attend our upcoming Elder Decisions® program:

**Elder Decisions®**  
**Elder & Adult Family Mediation Training**

**November 13 - 15, 2015**  
**(Friday through Sunday)**  
**Newton, MA**

Approved under Part 146 by the NY State Unified Court System's  
Office of ADR Programs for Additional Mediation Training\*

Social Work CEUs are available\*\*

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**About the Training:**

This program teaches mediators skills for successfully facilitating adult family

conversations around issues such as living arrangements, caregiving, family communication, Powers of Attorney / Health Care Proxies / Guardianships / Conservatorships, estate planning, inheritance and estate disputes, family real estate, and personal property distribution.

Join trainers Arline Kardasis and Crystal Thorpe, with guest experts from the fields of elder law and gerontology, for three days packed with content, skill-building, role plays, and opportunities to interact with fellow participants (who often travel from around the world to attend).

## Topics Include:

### Elder Mediation

- Presenting Issues
- Common Hurdles
- New Strategies for Intake and Convening
- Working with Large, Dispersed Family Groups
- Managing Multiple Stakeholders and Multiple Issues
- Including the Voice of the Elder
- Ethical Concerns
- Marketing / Getting the Word Out

### Challenges of Aging

- Mental & Physical Effects of Aging
- Maintaining Independence
- Coping with Loss
- Caregiving and Aging Families
- Long Term Care Options for Elders

### Legal Planning

- Planning for Financial Management
- Medical Decision Making
- Long Term Care Costs, and Options for Paying for Care
- Asset Protection
- Guardianship and Alternatives

### Skill Building

- Exercises to Develop Skills for Specific Phases of the Process
- Trainers' Demonstration of Start of Family Meeting
- Multi-Party Role Plays Featuring "True-to-Life" Scenarios

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## Training Testimonials:

"This exceeded my expectations! The Elder Decisions® Mediation Training makes a compelling case for why we need to step up to this national challenge and makes it possible for mediators to step into these critical but delicate family conversations. I got a great return on my investment: information-dense, practical, inspiring – allowing me to extend my company's services to meet this growing demand."

*Marina A. Piscalish, Ph.D.*  
*MAPping Change, LLC*  
*Kailua, Hawaii*

"Elder Decisions®' Advanced Elder Mediation Training...was excellent; actually the best I have ever experienced. It was well organized (and) the subject matter was completely covered. (This was) the most sequentially programmed and clearly presented (training) I have yet attended."

Jane Thayer, Ph.D.  
Mediator, Co-author of *Elderescence: The Gift of Longevity*  
Martha's Vineyard, MA

"Usually when one goes to a conference or training it is considered successful if one takes away one memorable piece of information from the whole event. In my case my expectations were higher given that I had a return trip of some 40 hours travelling time. I found all the presenters so knowledgeable and so passionate about their topics that I would have considered the training a huge success had I only been able to listen to any single one of them! ...I will certainly be looking to attend another of their events."

David Bogan, *International Mediation Services*  
Author of *Avoid Retirement & Stay Alive* Harper Collins & McGraw Hill 2007  
and *What's Keeping You Awake at Night* Harper Collins 2010  
Auckland, New Zealand

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## Location & Lodging:

Held at The Walker Center, a lovely Bed & Breakfast and Conference Center in Newton, MA, near Boston. Lodging available on-site (\$60 to \$95 per night; room rates subject to change). Other hotels including a Marriott are nearby.

## Cost & Registration:

\$895 - Includes lunches, snacks, and course materials.  
(\$795 early rate if paid by October 2.)

To register, visit: [www.ElderDecisions.com/pg19.cfm](http://www.ElderDecisions.com/pg19.cfm).

## Continuing Education:

**\* This training is approved under Part 146 by the New York State Unified Court System's Office of ADR Programs for 16 hours of Additional Mediation Training.** *(Please note that final placement on any court roster is at the discretion of the local Administrative Judge and participation in a course that is either approved or pending approval does not guarantee placement on a local court roster.)*

**\*\* Social Work Continuing Education Credits:** *This program has been approved for Continuing Education Credits for relicensure in the period of October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2016, in accordance with 258 CMR, as follows: 21.25 hours for all 3 days. Boston University School of Social Work Authorization Number B-16-067.*

**\*\*\*** For information about other continuing education credits, please see [www.elderdecisions.com/pg19.cfm](http://www.elderdecisions.com/pg19.cfm).

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(Co-authored by the Elder Decisions® team)

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