Training Announcement

Interested in becoming a mediator?

Who: Community Solutions of Central Oregon is a nonprofit organization serving the dispute resolution needs of communities in the Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson tri-county region. We help people have difficult conversations by providing a wide-range of mediation, facilitation, and education programs recognized for their high-quality, low-cost, and positive, lasting impact.

What: Our Basic Mediation Training (BMT) incorporates aspects of mediation models and standards practiced by Oregon-based community dispute resolution centers (CDRC), all of which have related programs in line with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 36. For more on ORS 36 'Mediation and Arbitration', visit www.oregonlaws.org/ors/chapter/36.

Where: The BMT course will be held in the River Room along the Deschutes River, located at the Shilo Inn & Suites, 3105 O. B. Riley Road, Bend, Oregon 97701. For more on Shilo Inn & Suites, visit their website at www.shiloinns.com. Their main phone number is (541) 389-9600.

When: Thursday – Sunday, March 31 – April 3, 2016 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily (includes a one hour lunch break).

Why: Mediators are essential contributors to helping people communicate effectively during life's more difficult moments. Serving as neutral third parties, mediators help individuals, businesses, and communities identify needs and craft solutions acceptable to all involved.

- Our lead trainer is *Ms. Mary Miller*. Mary has 30+ years of mediation experience, to include executive leadership of an Oregon-based CDRC, advanced practitioner status in New York, and service as the former Vice President of the Association for Conflict Resolution, a prominent National level organization. She holds degrees in social work, psychology, as well as an MBA.
- Cost to attend is \$650.00 per person, payable at enrollment; all forms of payment accepted.
- Applications accepted until 20 attendees are confirmed; first come, first paid, first enrolled.
- Half the enrollment fee *rebates of* \$325.00 are available to those who successfully complete the training, commit to, then complete the terms of volunteer service.

To apply, email 'BMT' in the subject line to support@solutionsco.org and receive an application form along with information about standards of mediation practice, volunteer programs, and follow-on *Court Connected Mediation* training offered through Circuit Courts within the tricounty region. For additional information, visit our website at www.solutionsco.org.

We look forward to meeting attendees at this unique training opportunity,

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