



Our Family hosts elder-care mediation training

As the population of Southern Arizona gets older, more families are facing tough decisions about their loved ones' living arrangements, safety, finances, medical care and guardianship.

Our Family's Community Mediation program, which for more than 30 years has provided free or low-cost mediations for a variety of community, family, workplace and personal conflicts, is starting up a specialized elder-care mediation program in 2010.

To kick off this effort, Our Family is hosting an Elder-Care Mediation Training in February 2010. The training will be held at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20.

This is an advanced mediation training. Participants should have basic training and/or experience in mediation. The training will address such issues as family dynamics that impair communication, the aging process and its possible impact on mediation, legal and financial issues, and ways to accommodate cognitive impairment or other challenges.

Continental breakfast, deli lunch and snacks, as well as all training materials, will be provided. Cost is \$400, or \$350 for government and nonprofits. To get a \$50 discount, send registration and payment by Friday, January 15, 2010. Send check to Our Family Services, 3830 E. Bellevue St., Tucson AZ 85717 with "Elder-Care Mediation Training" in the memo line.

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Last year, 32,000 at-risk children, youth, families, seniors and disabled adults used Our Family's services, which include mediation, counseling, education, case management, housing, and information and referral. For more information, please visit our website at www.ourfamilyservices.org.

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