



HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT Department of Community Services

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FREE MEDIATION TRAINING OFFERED *Become a Volunteer Mediator!*

(Bel Air, MD – May 21, 2008) - - The Harford County Community Mediation Program (HCCMP) offers citizens of Harford County free mediation services. The program provides a voluntary, confidential and neutral process to resolve conflicts.

Referrals come from citizens, schools, outreach groups and the State's Attorney office. Types of conflicts that can be resolved through the mediation process include disputes between neighbors, families, friends, businesses and consumers.

Mediators are needed to provide the community with alternative dispute resolution services. Volunteer mediators receive 45 hours of Basic Mediation training and 5 hours of follow-up for free. HCCMP's upcoming training will be held during the month of August on three consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. A commitment to attend all of the training and completion of an apprenticeship with the program is required to receive the free training.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer mediator should contact Susan E. Fisher at 410-638-4807. A volunteer application can be downloaded at www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/mediation .

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The following is a list of the dates and times of the free training:

Saturday, August 9, 2008	9:00 am – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 10, 2008	9:00 am – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 16, 2008	9:00 am – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 17, 2008	9:00 am – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 23, 2008	9:00 am – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 24, 2008	9:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

The Community Mediation Program is a part of the Harford County Department of Community Services.

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