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THE MEDIATION CENTER OF THE PACIFIC

ALOHA TO JESSICA AND WELCOME YVETTE!



Aloha Jessica!

On March 29th, the staff and mediators bid the Mediation Center's first Deputy Director, Jessica Stabile, a fond farewell. After nearly four years of dedicated service as Deputy Director, and three prior years as the Training Coordinator and Client Services Specialist, Jessica's passion for Environmental Law and travel inspired her to move on to new adventures. While everyone was sad to see her leave, there was also shared excitement and enthusiasm for her, as she moved to Spain to complete a highly competitive course in Environmental Law. We are proud of her for being accepted into this unique program as one of an elite group of students from throughout the world. We are also grateful to her for all of her dedicated work with the Mediation Center over the past few years.

Welcome Yvette!

The Mediation Center is pleased to welcome its new Deputy Director, M. Yvette Pacheco. Originally from New York, Yvette has resided in Waimanalo for the past three years. An attorney who is passionate about making the world a better place, Yvette was the former director of Nassau County's Homeownership Center in New York. She currently serves as a board member for two non-profit organizations in New York and is a Volunteer Coordinator for Family Promise Hawaii with her parishes St. George Social Ministry in Waimanalo. The Mediation Center is fortunate to have Yvette become part of its team and we look forward to working with her! Please stop in and introduce yourself to her.



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***Bringing people
together to talk,
negotiate and
resolve conflict creatively.***

Volunteers Going Above and Beyond

The life blood of the Mediation Center are the volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours of their time each year mediating, facilitating, training and assisting with Program Development. This quarter, we would especially like to acknowledge mediators Pat Brandt, Leo Hura, Erika Ireland, Doug Kaya, Christa Otake, Owen Tamamoto and Jana Wolff for creating a video that shows the family conferencing process that is currently offered through the Kupuna Pono Program.

Leo Hura, long-time mediator turned producer, generously agreed to help the Mediation Center create the video. Pat, Erika, Doug, Christa, Owen and Jana, graciously agreed to be the actors and actresses in the video. Together they dedicated many hours practicing their lines and filming the video over two sessions with Leo. They truly deserve awards for their fantastic work!

A special mahalo to the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for their financial support of the Kupuna Pono Program and the creation of the video.



To view the video and learn more about the Kupuna Pono Program, go to the Mediation Center's website at: <http://www.mediatehawaii.org/kupuna-pono>.



Ten participants from the February Basic Mediation Training quickly bonded and posed for their photo on the last day of the twenty-four training.

Mahalo to mediators Dan Bent, Ned Busch, Jerry Clay, Kale Feldman, Constance Hassell, Iris Ito, Doug Kaya, Jo Ann Kocher, Ron Oster, Amrita Mallick, Tom Moore, Jennifer Patricio, Seth Reiss, Craig Robinson, Eugene Villaluz and Jana Wolff for assisting with the training.

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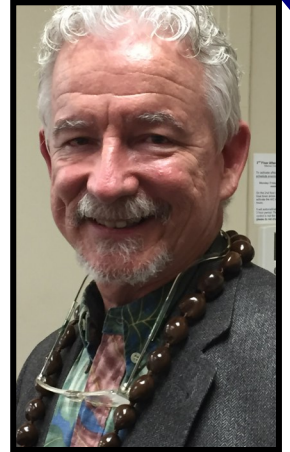
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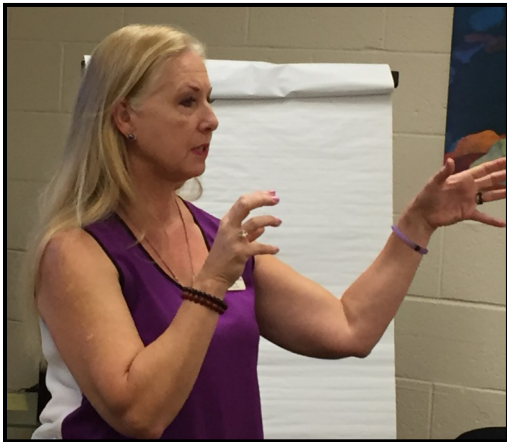
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Elder Mediation & Family Conferencing

The Mediation Center is continuing to grow the Kupuna Pono Program to help more families talk and create family plans to support the needs of their Kupuna. To support the expansion of the Program, a sixteen hour training in Elder Mediation and Family Conferencing was conducted on April 2nd and April 9th, for sixteen mediators. The Mediation Center is grateful to attorney Scott Makuakane who conducted a session on the laws governing the elder arena and to Pamela Ah-Nee, the Oahu Program Specialist for the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, who conducted a session on communicating with elders. Both presenters were excellent and provided valuable information and insight into working with families and their kupuna.



Estate Planning Attorney & Mediator, Scott Makuakane



Pamela Ah-Nee, Oahu Program Specialist for the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



Child Support Guidelines & Parenting Plan Workshop

On February 6, an outstanding six hour workshop on the Child Support Guidelines and Parenting Plans was conducted for 16 mediators by Family Law attorneys Jessi Hall, Owen Tamamoto (former Administrator, the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency) and Charlene Anaya (Former Director of the Kids First Program). The trio provided a thorough review of the child support guidelines and shared excellent tips and best practices for mediators to assist divorcing and unmarried couples with mediating time-sharing and co-parenting arrangements for their children. The feedback from the participants was so overwhelmingly positive, that the workshop will be offered again for the mediators who could not attend.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



9th Annual Under the Mediation Moon

Saturday May 7, 2016

The Hawaii Convention Center

Civil Rights Mediation Training

May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aliiolani Hale

417 South King Street , conference room 101

Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training

Friday July 15, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday July 22, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday July 23, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Kukui Children's Center

245 N. Kukui Street, 1st floor conference room

Basic Mediation Training

Thursday Sept. 22 & Friday Sept. 23, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 pm.

and Saturday Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Kukui Children's Center

245 N. Kukui Street, 1st floor conference room

Advanced Mediation Training

Thursday Sept. 29 & Friday Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

and Saturday Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Kukui Children's Center

245 N. Kukui Street, 1st floor conference room

Contact Nathan@mediatehawaii.org to register or for more information