

You are invited to our October Luncheon & Professional Development Workshop

Friday, Oct 17, 2014

(Please note time shift)

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Join Us!

Nash's Restaurant

1717 Esplanade

Chico CA 95926

COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE

Presented by Courtney Calkins, LMFT (LMFT 42004)

The Butte County based Collaborative Practice Group (also members of the Sacramento Collaborative Practice Group) has been together since 2009. In the Collaborative Divorce process, couples who have decided to end their marriage work with a team of specially trained professionals to avoid the, at times arbitrary and uncertain outcomes of litigation in order to reach a divorce settlement which meets the specific needs of both parties as well as their children. There specialized roles for each of the professionals on the Collaborative Team: Family Law Attorney, Divorce Coach, Child Specialist, and Financial Specialist.

All team members maintain a primary focus on the needs of each member of the family while helping parents to provide their children with the emotional support and a healthy co-parenting environment. The process typically includes a series of meetings at which the parties and professionals meet to discuss the pressing issues, to make any interim arrangements, and plan for information gathering stage of the divorce process. The meetings are designed to exchange and clarify information as well as to brainstorm possible options for resolving existing sources of conflict. All team members focus on clarifying each party's needs and interests while developing solutions stemming from the free exchange of information between parties.

Discussions are focused on finding the outcomes which best serve all members of the family and creating the opportunity for a peaceful post-divorce relationship. The hallmark of the Collaborative Divorce process is that the divorcing parties work with the members of the collaborative team to find agreeable outcomes which they choose. Decisions are made, not by an outside professional like a judge, or a mediator but rather by the divorcing parties themselves. Of course all of the required legal paperwork is filed and the court proceeding are attended by the participating attorneys. Participants of the Collaborative Divorce process work with their team to carefully tailor the scope of the divorce process to ensure the efficient use of their time and funds. As such, only the specific professionals required for each meeting attend the meetings which require their specific expertise.

In this Seminar you will learn:

- How the collaborative divorce process works
- Who are the professionals involved and their roles
- Why collaborative divorce provides healthier and more satisfying results.

Registration Information

Please Pre-Register and order by 9 pm Thursday October 16

and Pay Online at: ChicoCamft.com Or

Email Nori Monroe at: ChicoCamft@gmail.com

\$15/pre-registered Members; \$20/non-Members; Add \$5 at the door
If you are Pre-Licensed you may deduct \$5 from the appropriate fee.

No refunds day of the event or later.

Lunch and CE are included. Please order when you register.



This course meets the qualifications for 1 hour of Continuing Education for MFTs, LPCCs and LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, PCE 2299.

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