



## Family Mediation with Status Offenders

A 40-hour Family Mediation training to be held in Idaho Falls  
April 24, 25 & 26    May 1,2 & 3

- Learn to use your natural mediation skills in a formal mediation setting
- Work with juveniles and their families to resolve conflict
- Empower families to resolve conflict in the future and be a catalyst for change
- Volunteer for your community by providing a valuable resource while gaining experience

**Do any of these things interest you? Then you might be interested in this!**

The Seventh Judicial District Teen/Offender and Parent/Teen Mediation Program has received Millennium Funds to train volunteers who would like to mediate with juveniles and their families in an early intervention capacity.

**Where:** Community Resource Center, 883 Shoup Avenue Idaho Falls

**When:** April 24, 4:00 pm to 8:00    April 25, 8:00 am to 4:00    April 26, 8:00 am to 4:00  
May 1, 4:00 pm to 8:00    May 2, 8:00 am to 4:00    May 3, 8:00 am to 4:00

Dates are firm, Times are approximate and will be determined at a later date.

**Who:** Bob Werth of Sun Valley, Idaho will present the training. Bob is one of the top mediators in the state and will be presenting basic mediation training, with an emphasis on parent/child mediation.

**Requirements:** To participate in this training you must agree to volunteer in your community 1-2 mediations per month for a period of 24 months. These mediations will be with Status Offender cases and will be handled by those administering the status offender program in your area or the Trial Court Administrator might assign mediation, at the request of judges, in appropriate cases involving juvenile and family issues, such as status offense behavior, that is affecting other court proceedings. There is no cost to participate other than your travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

Eligibility also includes: a strong desire to work with juveniles and their families in District Seven. Prior to inclusion as a certified mediator you must pass a criminal background check if this has not already been completed.

*Space is limited so submit your applications ASAP.*

**Registration:** Please make your reservation by contacting Ann Just, Family Court Services Administrator, no later than **April 18, 2008**.

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## MANAGING IMPASSE WORKSHOP

On March 13th, Richard Struthers conducted a workshop concerning managing impasse. Following a presentation on the elements of impasse, the group discussed personal experiences in moving discussions forward.

One valuable tool discussed by mediators in attendance to remove impasse is reframing the issue. Often times, one or both of the parties view the issue from completely differing positions. Reframing the issue presents each party with another view of the issue, and places the issue in a different perspective.

### What Topics Would You Like To See?

GTMA is in the process of developing workshops on topics of interest to mediators in our area. We have a wealth of experienced mediators willing to share their knowledge and experience with us. All we need are topics that will foster participation and interest.

Some ideas pending are:

- Creating effective participation by the parties
- When to use "no".
- Effective Communication skills
- Writing Agreements
- Setting the stage

With summer on the way, we are planning a set schedule of workshops in the fall. Let us know what you think.

It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them.

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## GTMA LUNCHEON—TUESDAY, APRIL 7

The monthly GTMA luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 7. This month will be an open forum to discuss developments and experiences of participating mediators. Based upon requests, the location of the luncheon will be changing regularly until we find a place we like.

***Besides, you'll have squint the newsletter to see where we're meeting!***

This month's luncheon will be held at Smitty's Pancake and Steak House, 645 W Broadway St., Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

Seek out the distinguished looking group in the back.

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## GTMA QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

GTMA is shifting gears a little, whereby we will be conducting quarterly membership meetings in conjunction with a no-host dinner/social gathering.

The agenda for this quarter's meeting will be an update on membership, discussion on fall activities, A status report on the Association's plan of work for 2008, and scheduling of a planning session for 2009.

Winter's over. Get out of the house, and meet and greet your fellow mediators.

The quarterly meeting is open to all persons interested in mediation and alternative dispute resolution in our area.

We are planning the meeting during the month of May, so keep your eye on the newsletter for the time and place.

Bring a friend, or if you don't have any, bring an enemy, and make a friend. You ARE mediators.



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*The Grand Teton Mediation Association* exists to provide a professional organization for persons interested in alternative dispute resolution. Based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, our area includes all of Eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming.

Our membership is open to all persons interested in mediation as a vocation, profession, or area of interest. We constantly strive to provide value to our members through educational opportunities, forums to discuss alternative dispute resolution, and opportunities for the public to engage our services in disputes.

We cordially invite all interested persons to join us.

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### Send lawyers, guns and mediators: what songs would be on your mediation playlist? (1/28/08)

[Diane J. Levin](#)



On the [ABA Journal Daily News web site](#), the [Question of the Week](#) asks "[Which Songs Would You Choose for a Lawyer's Playlist?](#)"



A few of the usual suspects are suggested, including "[Lawyers, Guns and Money](#)" by the immortal Warren Zevon.

In time for Friday and the weekend, here's a proposed playlist for mediators. (And no, "Kumbaya" does not make the cut. Not on my list, pal.)

- [Walk a Mile in My Shoes](#), Joe South
- [We Can Work It Out](#), John Lennon and Paul McCartney
- [Put Down That Weapon](#), Midnight Oil
- [\(What's So Funny\) 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding](#), written by Nick Lowe and performed by Elvis Costello
- [Why Can't We Be Friends](#), War
- [Let's Work Together](#), Canned Heat

And, of course, INXS's "[Mediate](#)":

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