



The Connecticut Council
for Non-Adversarial Divorce

What is Collaborative Divorce Practice?

Collaborative Divorce Practice is a voluntary process in which parties settle the issues related to their marriage without litigation.

- The parties sign a collaborative participation agreement describing the nature and scope of the matter;
- The parties voluntarily disclose all information which is relevant and material to the matter that must be decided;
- The parties agree to use good faith efforts in their negotiations to reach a mutually acceptable settlement;
- Each party must be represented by a lawyer whose representation terminates upon the undertaking of any contested court proceeding;
- The parties may engage financial professionals and professionals who support the emotional, communication, and parenting components of the divorce,* whose engagement terminates upon the undertaking of any contested court proceeding; and
- The parties may jointly engage other experts as needed.

CCND's Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training

Participants will learn:

- The process and substantive skills for completing a collaborative case
- The basic components of interest based negotiations
- How to work effectively within the interdisciplinary team
- Strategies for dealing with impasse
- How to avoid common mistakes

Our collaborative trainers have developed an online collaborative divorce training that introduces professionals to a process that enables couples to complete their divorce without ever stepping into a courthouse building. Lawyers, licensed mental health professionals, and financial specialists work together as a team to help families reduce conflict, exchange financial data, and resolve legal issues.

This training meets the minimum standards established by the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP). For those who have taken the 40 hour family mediation training, this is an excellent “next step” in obtaining the training necessary to meet the membership requirements of IACP and CCND. For those who have not taken the mediation training, this course may be taken first, followed by that training, which is offered annually by CCND.

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