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COLLABORATIVE Practice Tips

A monthly bulletin from the CP Cal Practice Excellence Committee

The Practice Excellence Committee is pleased to offer tips to help you increase your Collaborative cases and achieve *practice excellence*.



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Keep the Conversation Going CP Cal Conference XIII Roots and Branches of Collaborative Practice Impressions and Quotes

The CP Cal Conference XIII was a big hit! There is a buzz of conversation regarding everyone's experiences. Our Practice Excellence Committee has gathered information from colleagues to share with our CP Cal community.

Favorite Parts:

- Meeting new people and seeing familiar Colleagues
- Family atmosphere
- Open bar
- Connecting with other Collaborative professionals statewide
- Peruvian Dine Around (it was really good!)
- Being part of a community of dispute resolution specialists who center their practice in love
- Dancing lighthearted and carefree like no one was watching
- Being revitalized
- The role plays and feedback were useful
- I liked the lightness and comradery between the presenters - Fun and Functional!
- The presenters and participants modeled good team work with respect, trust and a sharing of power!

What People Learned:

- Tips on promoting Divorce Options in their community
- How to blog

- The mediators most important job is to remind both clients that the other person is a human being
- How to spread the collaborative word through marketing
- Develop a brand and protect it
- How to guide clients in thinking about their conflicting feelings, and their different emotional and reactive thoughts or "parts"
- Asking the hard questions doesn't make the problem bigger, it gives the client a way to start processing what's important
- Ask the parties in the beginning: "How connected do you want to be when this is over; Financially? Through your kids? Through the family residence?"
- The similarities and differences of gray divorce
- Get the child specialist in early on and understand how their role as a neutral can keep the focus on the children in team meetings!
- We can all remind everyone in our lives to act less in ways of power and dominance and more in ways of compassion, generosity, and love. (from Cat Zavis Plenary)

More Quotes:

"I tend to forget between conferences how very fun it is to connect so intensively with colleagues both in my circle and those I see less often, as well as to meet new people. We share stimulating experiences while also gaining nuggets of knowledge in a way that is unique to the Conference, and I invariably come home satiated, excited, grateful, energized, and, of course, tired!"

--Mary Ann Aronsohn, MA, LMFT

"Nothin' better than hanging out with people committed to making a powerful difference and honing their skills so that they might do this in the most effective and powerful ways possible. It's an honor and privilege to be a part of this FUN as well as dedicated community! Thanks to Neil and Gloria for a fabulous experience!"

-- Ria Severance, LMFT

Conference XIII Attendance Facts:

140 participants check-in (plus the 13 speakers not registered for conference).

26 first timers

5 scholarships (7 approved)

37 Mental Health Professionals

20 Financial Professionals

81 Attorneys

2 Other (Certified Divorce Real Estate Expert & Realtor)

11 attendees from out of state, including AZ, FL, MI, MO, NV, OR, TN, TX & UT.



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