

## Christy K. Radigan

I am a mediator and facilitator in private practice and provide services to multiple agencies and courts. Whatever the venue, my emphasis remains on fostering collaboration and problem solving among the participants. Having been a mediator since 1992, I understand the benefits of resolving disputes through teamwork where participants are in control of the decision-making while the mediator guides the process.



I have extensive experience in special education mediations and IEP facilitations. Since joining the roster of ODE special education mediators in 2005, I have successfully provided services to Ohio school districts and parents throughout the state for hundreds of cases. As an IEP facilitator since 2006, my role is to assist the parties in collaboratively determining educational goals, supports, and services for the child.

Through yearly training by ODE, supplemented by professional readings, I am well versed in the subject matter and challenges of IEP development. Additionally, I personally understand the need for a strong IEP team having provided support and been an advocate for my grandson during his initial evaluation, IEP development, and yearly team meetings.

My skills working with school personnel, parents, and students have been enhanced through seven years as a mediator for truancy issues. Working in three school districts, the goal of mediation is to understand causal factors for the truancy and jointly develop a plan to reduce future incidences. Frequently, causal factors include IDEA related issues, which often result in scheduling a meeting of the child's IEP team.

I am a court-approved mediator in Franklin and Delaware Counties and provide mediation services in a variety of areas: family, divorce, visitation, custody, probate, foreclosure, landlord-tenant, business, and juvenile – victim offender disputes. I am an arbitrator for the National Association of Stock Dealers (NASD). I also serve as a coach for law students studying mediation at Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University.

I graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree and obtained a Master in Business Administration from Franklin University. My husband, Bob, and I have four sons and six grandchildren.