

PROGRAM: The A-Z's of Mediating Families with a History of Domestic Violence.

Abbie Godles walks through how families with a history of domestic violence can both pursue mediation and succeed in it. She starts with identifying domestic violence through screening, discusses the importance of analyzing the specific history of domestic violence within a given family, and offers practice tips and suggestions for adapting the mediation process and structuring agreements on children's issues to overcome the respective history of domestic violence.

PRESENTER: Abbie L. Godles received her J.D. from Roger Williams University School of Law and her M.S. in Forensic Psychology, with an emphasis in Family Violence, from Walden University. She uses her training and education in both law and psychology to help her navigate difficult and sensitive issues for her clients. With a unique approach that includes a focus on holistic outcomes, Abbie seeks to provide workable solutions in both the litigation and mediation arenas for her clients, and strives to empower her clients while advocating for them during litigation and supporting their self-determination during mediation.