

Adriana Elliot

Adriana Elliot works as a mediator, guardian ad litem (GAL), and NIA-trained dance fitness instructor in Keene, New Hampshire. She comes to her work with families and wellness with a background that includes:

- Financial counselor with a Keene program now known as 'more than wheels'
- Legal assistant, Keene
- Board member of the Sophia's Hearth Family Center
- Drama troupe leader for children living in public housing
- Graduate of Waldorf School teacher-training & active Mom of 3 Waldorf students
- BA in Spanish Literature & Theatre
- Certificate of Spanish Language, UNAM, Mexico City

Adriana has been interested in mediation since participating as a peer mediator in her high school program in California. She has lived in the Keene region since 1997. She became a certified GAL in January 2007. In the fall of 2007, looking for a new direction in her work life, she undertook what she calls immersion in mediation training. She completed courses in Basic Mediation with Greg Hessel at Cheshire Mediation and in Marital Mediation with Dr. Olivia Ruel and Attorney Greg Martin. She has been a certified family mediator since 2009. She works as a per diem mediator for Cheshire Mediation and coordinates the work of the other mediators in the program.

Adriana gets great satisfaction from her family mediation work. She enjoys keeping up with legal issues and drafting agreements with the parties. But there is more to how she approaches divorce and other family mediations. As she puts it, she believes that the way people end one chapter in their lives, such as with divorce, has significance for the rest of their lives. Her web site reflects her philosophy, which is well stated in a recent blog:

“Mediation is so much more than reaching settlement. It is about sitting with dissent, and through that process, finding new ways of telling our stories and hearing one another. It is about loving ourselves, our children, and our families, in all their various forms.” Adrianaelliot.com, January 12, 2011 blogpost