

Community Dispute Resolution Center

First Quarter 2023



UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

- ❖ Please welcome our Cynthia to the CDRC board. Cynthia has been a dedicated volunteer to the CDRC for many years, and we are please to announce her addition to the board!
- ❖ The need has arisen to add additional parenting plan slots to the schedule. Be on the lookout for additional slots on WhenToHelp.
- ❖ Please reach out to Skip or Jody if you are interested in attending Family Mediation Training.
- ❖ The team will be utilizing grant funds from the Montana Justice Foundation to create a mock mediation with MCAT, we anticipate starting this effort summer 2023. If you have interest in participating, please reach out!
- ❖ The board has updated their reoccurring monthly meeting time. The meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:15PM. Locations vary, if you have interest in attending, please reach out to Skip or Jody.

INTRODUCTIONS

Gail Bourguignon – Board Member

- ❖ Gail Bourguignon was appointed Standing Master in the 4th Judicial District Court in February 2021. She presides over cases referred to her by Departments 2, 3 and 5 in Missoula County, focusing primarily on family law issues, including domestic relations, parenting plans, mediations, and child welfare. She also presides as needed over Treatment Court proceedings.
- ❖ Throughout her career, Standing Master Bourguignon has served as a child and family advocate in various capacities. This included clinical work with adolescents in wilderness and residential care, supervisory support for CASA volunteers, service as Guardian ad Litem in parenting plan and dissolution cases, La Leche League leader, volunteer parenting plan mediator and current board member at the Community Dispute Resolution Center and, most recently, representing children and parents at the Office of Public Defender Conflict Division in Missoula.
- ❖ Raised in Northern Michigan, Gail and her husband chose to make their home and raise their children in Missoula. Gail enjoys hiking, curling, making piñatas and finding adventure with her family.

EVENTS!

- ❖ Family Mediation Training – March 25th and April 1st at 8:00am – 5:00p in the CDRC Conference Room.
- ❖ Happy Hour Meet and Greet – March 31st 6:00-730p, Imagine Nation Brewing
- ❖ Happy Hour Meet and Greet – May 5th 6:00-7:30p, Western Cider
- ❖ Strategic Planning and Board Elections – Date/Time TBD