



Maggie Harrison

Mediation experience

Maggie qualified as a Family Mediator in 2000 and was competence assessed in 2002. She completed her training as a child consultant mediator in 2011.

Maggie works independently, mostly with court referred cases and specialises in cases involving children's issues, an area in which she has a vast amount of experience.

She provides Separated Parenting Information Programmes (SIPS) for Connect in the West Midlands and Children First programmes for the Mediation Centre based in Stafford.

Maggie chooses to be a mediator because, having worked in the family law arena for so many years, she feels strongly that in the majority of cases, litigation is not the right approach and can actually make the situation worse, with the child ultimately losing out.

Professional experience

Maggie has a degree in Social Work, an MA in Child Care law and a Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. She is also a qualified Family Group Conference Co-Ordinator as well as a qualified Parenting Assessment Model (PAMs) assessor which focuses on the needs of parents with learning disabilities.

She has 17 years' experience as a legal consultant in family law matters and a reputation for her pragmatic and sound assessment work.

Maggie is currently practice manager for Connect Contact Centres and the Contact Consultancy Agency being the founder member of both organisations.

Prior to 1985, she worked as a medical social worker, both as a practitioner and a manager and has four years' experience as a psychiatric social worker. She was responsible for setting up the acute medical social work team at Sandwell District General Hospital and has since acted as an independent social worker in mental health tribunals.