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#### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **Current Position**

- Independent Practice
- Team Member of Families Moving Forward www.familiesmovingforward.ca
- Facilitator of *The Advanced Peer Consultation Groups for Child Custody Dispute Practices*

#### *Therapy*:

- Individual (child, adolescent, adult)
- Marital/Couple
- Family
- Multi-Faceted Family Therapy (for parent-child contact problems): Outpatient, Multi-Day Family Interventions

## Family Mediation & Parenting Coordination:

- Accredited Mediator (Family Mediation Canada-OAFM)
- Accredited Parenting Coordinator (FDRIO)

## Teaching/Training:

- Family Mediation
- Custody/Access Assessments
- Parenting Coordination
- Mediation/Arbitration and Arbitration
- Impact of separation/divorce on adults and children
- High conflict separation and divorce
- Parent-child contact problems, reintegration family therapy

<u>Supervision & Professional Consultation</u> (to private practitioners, child protection agencies, lawvers):

Mediation, custody/access assessments, parenting coordination, mediation-arbitration, therapy with children, couples, adults, family therapy, psychologists on temporary register of College of Psychologists of Ontario, registered psychologists satisfying undertakings pursuant to College decisions following investigation of complaints

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- Two Peer Consultation Groups (meets monthly; approximately 7 professionals each group)
- Family Solutions Peer Consultation Group (meets bimonthly; 7 professionals)
- Families Moving Forward (meets/consults regularly; 4 professionals)

### Expert Testimony:

- Work product reviews (critiques of custody/access assessments)
- Expert opinion reports on: parent-child contact problems (alienation); high conflict; impact of separation/divorce on children; custody/access assessment methodology and reports; and developmentally appropriate parenting time schedules for children in separated/divorced families

#### Education

- Ph.D. York University, Canada, 1986; <u>Clinical-Developmental Psychology</u>
  <u>Dissertation</u>: "The influence of gender, the parent-child relationship, and custody arrangement on children's adjustment following family break-up."
- M.A. San Francisco State University, U.S.A., 1980; Developmental Psychology

Hon, B.A. York University, Canada, 1978; Special Education and Psychology

#### **Clinical Experience**

Independent Practice, 1988 – present

<u>Family Court Clinic, Clarke Institute</u> (now the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health), Staff Psychologist, Sept. 1986 – Oct. 1988

Family Guidance Centre, May – Sept. 1986

Family Court Clinic, Clarke Institute, Clinical Research Intern, Sept. 1984 – April 1986

Child & Family Study Centre, Clarke Institute, Psychology Intern, Sept. 1982 – Aug. 1984

C.M. Hincks Treatment Centre, Psychology Intern, Sept. 1981 – Aug. 1982

Toronto East General Hospital, Crisis Unit, Feb. - Sept. 1978

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#### **Publications**

- Deutsch, R., Judge, A., & Fidler, B.J. (2017). *Common ground: The children's group*. In A. Judge & R. Deutsch (Eds.), Family-based interventions for children's resistance, rejection, alienation: Overcoming barriers and other clinical approaches. New York: Oxford Press.
- Fidler, B.J., & Ward, P. (2017). Clinical decision-making in parent-child contact problem cases: Tailoring the intervention to the family's needs. In A. Judge & R. Deutsch (Eds.), Family-based interventions for children's resistance, rejection, alienation: Overcoming barriers and other clinical approaches. New York: Oxford Press.
- Fidler, B.J., Ward, P., & Deutsch, R. (2017). *Translating the overcoming barriers approach to outpatient Settings*. In A. Judge & R. Deutsch (Eds.), Family-based interventions for children's resistance, rejection, alienation: Overcoming barriers and other clinical approaches. New York: Oxford Press.
- Saini, M.A., Johnston, J., Fidler, B.J., & Bala, N. (2016). *Empirical studies of alienation*. In L.M. Drozd, M.A. Saini, & N. Olesen, N. (Eds.), Parenting plan evaluations: Applied research for the family court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. New York: Oxford Press.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Hurwitz, H. (2013). Best practice guide: Responding to emotional harm of children in high conflict separation. Toronto: High Conflict Forum.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Saini, M.A. (2013). *Children who resist post-separation parental contact: A differential approach for legal and mental health professionals*. American Psychology-Law Book Series, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Fidler, B.J. (2012). Parenting coordination: Lessons learned and key practice issues. *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*, *31*(2), 237-273.
- Saini, M.A., Johnston, J., Fidler, B.J., & Bala, N. (2012). *Empirical studies of alienation*. In K.F. Kuehnle & L.M. Drozd (Eds.), Parenting plan evaluations: Applied research for the family court. New York: Oxford Press.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Saini, M.A. (2010). *Alienation in separation and divorce : An evidence-based review*. Paper for the Department of Justice Canada.
- Fidler, B.J., & Bala, N. (2010). Children resisting post-separation contact with a parent: Concepts, controversies, and conundrums. *Family Court Review*, 48(1), 10-47.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., Birnbaum, R., & Kavassalis, K. (2008). *Challenging issues in child custody disputes. A guide for legal and mental health professionals.* Toronto: Thomson Carswell.

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- Birnbaum, R., Fidler, B.J., & Kavassalis, K. (2008). *Child custody assessments: A resource guide for legal and mental health professionals.* Toronto: Thomson Carswell.
- Fidler, B.J., & Epstein, P. (2008). Parenting coordination in Canada: An overview of legal and practice issues. *Journal of Child Custody*, 5(1/2), 53-87.
- Bala, N., Fidler, B.J., Goldberg, D.L., & Houston, C. (2007) Alienation children and parental separation: Legal responses in Canada's family courts. *Queen's Law Journal 38*, 79-138.
- Fidler, B.J. (2007). Developing parenting time schedules: Conundrums and considerations. In Martha Shaffer (Ed.) *Contemporary Issues in Family Law: Engaging with the Legacy of James G. McLeod.* Toronto: Thomson Carswell.
- Fidler, B.J. & Birnbaum, R. (2006). Child custody disputes: Private and public assessments. *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*, 25(2), 137-167.
- Birnbaum, R., & Fidler, B.J. (2005). Commentary on Epstein and Madsen's "Joint custody with a vengeance: The emergence of parallel parenting orders. *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*, 24(3), 337-349.
- Schloss, J., & Fidler, B.J. (2003). Coaching parents through parenting plans. *Matrimonial Affairs*, 15(2), 1-2.
- Bagby, M., Nicholson, R., Buis T., Radovanovic, H., & Fidler, B.J. (1999). Defensive responding on the MMPI-2 in family custody and access evaluations. *Psychological Assessment*, 11(1), 24-28.
- Fidler, B J. & Saunders, E. (1988). Children's adjustment during custody/access disputes: Relationship to custody arrangement, gender, and age of child. *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 33, 517-523.
- Fidler, B.J., Saunders, E., Freedman, E. & Hood, E. (1989). Joint custody: Historical, legal and clinical perspective with emphasis on the situation in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, *34*, 561-568.

## **Presentations & Workshops**

- Fidler, B.J. (2018, April 12, 13, 14). *Parenting Coordination: Advanced Applications Workshop*, (3 days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2018, March 28). *Parenting Coordination*, Speaker's Corner Online Webinar, Ontario Association for Family Mediation (OAFM).

- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N. (2018, March 15). <u>Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact</u> with a Parent. Invited Presentation, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Alberta (AFCC-A), Edmonton, Alberta.
- Fidler, B.J. & Bala, N. (2018, March 9). *High Conflict Parenting Cases: Characteristics* & *Interventions*. Invited Presentation, Law Society of Manitoba, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, December 8 & 9). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact</u>: <u>Concepts, Controversies, Assessment & Intervention</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, November 24). *High Conflict Cases: Complexities & Promoting Change*, Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Family Justice Services, St. John's Newfoundland.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, November 23). *Hard Choices for Best Outcomes: Optimizing Child Development in Parenting Plan Arrangements*, Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Education Seminar, National Judicial Institute, St. John's Newfoundland.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, November 23). *High Conflict Cases: Parental Alienation & Reunification*, Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Education Seminar, National Judicial Institute, St. John's Newfoundland.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, November 21). <u>Parenting Coordination Challenges: North American Perspective</u>, FDRIO Annual Conference, Invited Presentation, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, November 16, 17, 18). *Parenting Coordination Foundations Workshop*, (3 days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, October 24). *Parent-Child Contact Problems Primer Lunch & Learn*, McCarthy & Co. LLP, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, October 20). *Parenting Coordination: Serving Families or Fueling the Fire? Panel* AFCC-O, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, October 12). <u>Practical Issues and Practice Development.</u> Panel Discussion Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, Osgoode Professional Development, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, Fall). <u>Cognitive Bias, Common Ethical Issues & Risk Management</u>
  <u>Practices,</u> Online Course: High Conflict Coparenting: Interventions for Children's Alignment and Resistance, Module 11, Overcoming Barriers, Palo Alto, California.

- Fidler, B.J. (2017, Fall). *The Necessary Role of the Court in Clinical Interventions*. Online Course: High Conflict Coparenting: Interventions for Children's Alignment and Resistance, Module 4, Overcoming Barriers, Palo Alto, California.
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, July 26). *Parent-Child Contact Problems II: More News You can Use*, Online Training Webinar, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).
- Fidler, B.J. (2017, June 13-15). *Parenting Coordination: Advanced Applications*, Invited presentation Department of Justice and Public Safety, PEI Roster Society, Prince Edward Island, Canada.
- Fidler, B.J., Drozd, L., Bala, N., Slabach, M.A. (2017, May 31). *Parent-Child Contact Problems*. Pre-Conference Institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, October 7 & 8). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact:</u> <u>Concepts, Controversies, Assessment & Intervention</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, September 22, 23 & 24). *Parent Coordination Foundations Workshop*, (2.5 days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saini, M., (2016, September 22). *How To Make Sense of Social Science:* Overview and Applications, (3-hours) Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, June 9-10). *The Nuts and Bolts of Parenting Coordination*, Invited presentation Department of Justice and Public Safety, PEI, Canada.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, June 1). *Voice of the Child in Parenting Coordination: If, When and How.* Pre-Conference Institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, May 5), <u>High Conflict Parenting Cases: The Role of the Judge in Early Intervention and Management of These Challenging Cases.</u> Invited Presentation The Superior Court Justice of Ontario, Ottawa Ontario.
- Fidler, B.J. (2016, April 18), *Family Interventions in Cases Involving Parent-Child Contact Problems Training*. Stable Paths, Miami, Florida
- Fidler, B.J., Clay, P., Himel, A., (2016, March 3). <u>Adult Children of Divorce Panel</u>, AFCC-O and Ontario Psychological Association. Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Deutsch, R., & Ward, P., (2015, December 3 & 4). *Intensive Family Interventions for Clinicians Working with Post-Separation Problems Where Children Resist Contact with a Parent.* Immersion Training. Overcoming Barriers, Dallas, Texas.

- Fidler, B.J. (2015, November 13 & 14). *Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact:* Concepts, Controversies, Assessment & Treatment (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Burke, B. (2015, Oct 23). <u>Practical Advice on Ways to Improve Parental Engagement with Children During and After Separation</u>. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Ontario (AFCC-O), 2015 Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Chodos, L., & Millstone, D. (2015, October 16 &17). *Advanced Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Chousky, S., & Dror, A. (2015, Sept 18). <u>How the Use of the Terms</u>

  <u>"Custody", "Access" & "Parenting" is Evolving.</u> Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2015, September 11 & 12). <u>Parent Coordination Foundations Workshop</u>, Invited Presentation. Western University, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, London, Ontario, Canada.
- Fidler, B.J. (2015, June 10). *Innovative Interventions with High Conflict Parents: An Emerging Role for Parenting Coordination in PEI Family* Law, Invited presentation
   Department of Environment, Labour and Justice, PEI, Canada.
- Fidler, B.J., Moscoe, T., Clarke, G., & Neoh, J. (2015, May 28). *Preventing Abuses of the Family Court Process by Unhappy Litigants*. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Fidler, B.J. (2015, March 20). *Interviewing Children in Family Law Disputes*, Invited presentation FamilyKind & AFCC New York Chapter Manhattan, New York.
- Fidler, B.J. (2014, November 28 & 29). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact:</u> <u>Concepts Controversies, Assessment & Treatment</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2014, November 14 & 15). <u>Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saini, N., (2014, November 14). <u>How to Make Sense of Social Science:</u> <u>Applications for Lawyers, Mediators, Parenting Coordinators, Assessors & Therapists</u> (3-hours), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2014, October 15). Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact with a Parent: Overview of a Differential Approach for Legal and Mental Health Professionals. Invited presentation Newfoundland & Labrador Legal Continuing Legal Education, morning and afternoon workshops offered by the Legal Aid Commission, and The Law Society. St John's, NFLD.

- Fidler, B.J., Deutsch, R., & Sullivan, T. (2014, May 28). *Family Interventions When Children Resist Contact with a Parent*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2014, April 24). *Parent/Child Alienation: Emerging Theory and Practice*, Invited presentation Collaborative Practice Manitoba and Manitoba Bar Association, Winnipeg, MB.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2014, April 11 & 12). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saini, M., (2014, April 10). <u>How To Make Sense of Social Science:</u> <u>Applications for Lawyers, Mediators, Parenting Coordinators, Assessors & Therapists (3-hours)</u>, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2013, December 6 & 7). <u>Advanced Parenting Workshop</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Hurwitz, H. (2013, November 5). *Emotional Harm and Parent-Child Contact Problems in High Conflict Separations*, Invited presentation Children's Mental Health Ontario-webinar.
- Fidler, B.J. (2013, October 25 & 26). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saini, M., (2013, October 24). *How To Make Sense of Social Science: Applications for Lawyers, Mediators, Parenting Coordinators, Assessors & Therapists* (3-hours) Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Paulseth, D. (October 17, 2013). *New professionals panel*. Invited presentation AFCC-O, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2013, September 16-18). *Parent Coordinator Training*. Invited presentation The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
- Fidler, B.J., Polak, S., & Popielarczyk, L. (2013, May 30). *Children Resisting Contact* with a Parent Post-Separation. AFCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Fidler, B.J. (2013, May 17). <u>Children Who Resist Post Separation Contact: A Differential Approach for Legal and Mental Health Professionals</u>. Invited presentation Wisconsin Inter-Professional Committee on Divorce (WIPCOD) Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

- Fidler, B.J. (2013, May 2 & 3) *The Making of a Mediator & The Making of a Parenting Coordinator*. Invited presentation Alberta Family Mediation Society Annual Conference, Calgary, AB.
- Fidler, B.J., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2013, April 19 & 20). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact: Concepts Controversies, Assessment & Treatment</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Bala, N. (2013, March 22). <u>Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact</u> with a Parent: A Differential Approach for Legal & Mental Health Professionals. Invited presentation BIDC, Colorado AFCC & MDIC Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado
- Fidler, B.J. (2013, January 25). <u>Mental Health Expert Consultation: Roles & Testifying</u>. Invited presentation Parenting Capacity Assessors' Working Group (AFCC-O), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2012, December 11). <u>Mental Health Expert Roles: Issues & Ethical Dilemmas</u>. Invited panelist Experts in Family Law Proceedings, Effective Strategies and Best Practices, at Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2012, November 15, 16 & 17). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2.5-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Linton, H. (2012, November 8). <u>Advanced Mediation</u> & <u>Negotiation</u> (1-day), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2012, June 22 & 23). <u>Children Resisting Post-separation Contact: What it is, What it isn't and what to do.</u> Invited presentation, New Brunswick Department of Justice and Consumer Affairs in collaboration with the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers (2-days), Moncton, New Brunswick.
- Fidler, B.J., & Kelly, J.B. (2012, June 6). <u>Advanced Parenting Coordination: Developing Trends, Applying Research and Challenging Practice Issues</u>. Invited one-day Institute Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- Fidler, B.J. (2012, May 23). *Parenting Time Schedules for Young Children*. Invited presentation Ontario Court of Justice Annual Family Law Program, Niagara on the Lake, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N. Siegel, B., & Nicoll, J. (2012, May 10) <u>Mediation, Arbitration & Parenting Coordination Resolving Family Disputes Outside the Courts</u>. Invited presentation 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Summit, The Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, ON.

- Fidler, B.J., & Linton, H. (2012, May 3,4,7,8, & 9). *Basic Mediation* (5-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. & Chodos, L. (2012, April 23-24). *Advanced Parenting Coordination: Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bastedo, T., & Linton, H. (2012, March, April). *Non-adversarial Resolution* to Family Law Disputes (36 hours). Part-time LLM specializing in Family Law. Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2012, January 20 & 21). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, December 7 & 8). <u>Children and Divorce: The Voice of the Child and Interventions When Children Resist Parental Contact</u> (2-days), Invited presentation University of Baltimore, School of Law, Center for Families, Children and the Courts & AFCC, Baltimore, MD.
- Fidler, B.J., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2011, November 25 & 26). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact: Concepts Controversies, Assessment & Treatment</u> (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Linton, H. (2011, November 10). <u>Advanced Mediation</u> & <u>Negotiation</u> (1-day), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2011, November 4 & 5). *Parenting Coordination:* Foundations Workshop (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, October 14). <u>Child-focused Parenting Plans: Key Ingredients to Minimizing Parental Conflict & Fostering Parent-child Relationships</u>. Invited one-day workshop Administrative Office of the Courts, Family Practice Division, New Jersey.
- Fidler, B.J., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2011, September 24). *Family Interventions When Children Resist or Reject a Parent* (1-day) Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, September 15). *Understanding and Responding to Parental Alienation*. Invited presentation Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyer. Advanced Issues in Child Custody Evaluation, Litigation and Settlement (3 hours), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, June 22 & 23). <u>Children and Divorce: The Voice of the Child and Interventions When Children Resist Parental Contact</u>. Invited presentation Loyola University Chicago School of Law's Civitas Child Law Center and Association of Family and Concilation Courts (AFCC) (2-days), Chicago, Illinois.

- Fidler, B.J., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2011, June 3). *Family Intervention When Children Resist Post-Separation Contact*. Three-hour workshop 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Orlando, Florida.
- Bala, N., Fidler, B.J., & Saini, M. (2011, June 1). <u>Differential Responses to Alienation:</u>
  <u>Identification of Risk Factors, Indicators and Assessment Procedures to Implement Appropriate Legal and Mental Health Responses</u>. Invited one-day Institute 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Orlando, Florida.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, May 26). <u>Innovative Interventions with High Conflict Families: The Emerging Role of the Parenting Coordinator</u>. Invited one-day workshop Ontario Association of Family Mediators Conference, Mississauga, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, May 13). <u>High Conflict Families: Understanding the Complexities and Considerations for Effective Interventions</u>. Invited keynote address First Annual High Conflict Forum, Ottawa, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2011, May 4). <u>Parenting Plan Schedules for 6-Year Olds: Developmental & Other Relevant Considerations</u>. Invited presentation National Judicial Institute, Superior Court of Justice, Spring Education Seminar, Toronto, ON.
- Linton, H., Fidler, B.J., & Bastedo, T. (2011, April): *Family Mediation & Negotiation*. (5-days, basic course), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2011, April 27 & 28). <u>Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact: Concepts Controversies, Assessment and Treatment</u>, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., Meddaugh, M.M., & Garufi, C.M. (2011, April 15). *Alienated Children in Divorce and Separation: Concepts, Controversies and Conundrums*. Invited presentation Office of Attorneys for Children Appellate Division, Third Department, Colonie, New York.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2010, October 29 & 30). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop*, Toronto, ON.
- Butkowsky, I., Popielarczyk, L., & Sutton, P. (2010, October 15). *Custody and Access (Parenting Plan) Assessments: Practice Issues and Risk Management.* Moderator, Dr. Barbara Fidler: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts-Ontario, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2010, July 9 & 10). <u>Responding to Allegations of Estrangement and Alienation</u>. Invited presentation National Judicial Institute for the Ontario Courts of Justice (2-days), Toronto, ON.

- Fidler, B.J., Altobelli, T., Carey, P., & Martinson, D. (2010, June). <u>Addressing</u>
  <u>Allegations of Alienation: Judicial Dilemmas</u>. Moderator Dr. Barbara Fidler. Invited presentation, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Denver, Colorado.
- Van Melle, F., Niman, H., Fidler, B.J., & Bala, N. (2010, May 5). <u>Effective Judicial</u> <u>Responses at Each Stage of a Child Alienation Case</u>. Invited panelist The alienated child: Myths, realities and effective responses, Niagara on the Lake, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Linton, H. (May 12, 2010). *Advanced Mediation & Negotiation* (1-day), Toronto, ON.
- Epstein, P, Fidler, B.J., Goldberg, D., & Torry, C.A. (2010, March 10). *Children's Voices and Information for Decision Maker*. Invited panelist The Voice of the Child, The Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bastedo, T., & Linton, H. (2010, March, April). *Non-Adversarial Resolution* to Family Law Disputes (36 hours). Part-time LLM specializing in Family Law. Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2010, January 6). <u>Parenting Plans and Parallel Parenting for High Conflict Families</u>. Invited presentation teleseminar for Association of Conflict Resolution.
- Fidler, B.J. (2009, September 29). <u>Alienated Children and Their Families:</u>
  <a href="Mailto:Concepts">Concepts</a>, <u>Definitions and Remedies</u></a>. 3-hour seminar in course for the part-time LLM specializing in Family Law, Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Goldstein, S., & Kornblum, M. (2009, September 23). *Remedies for Alienated Children: Clinical Panel*. Moderator Justice Patricia Harman. Invited presentation Annual Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute for the Ontario Courts of Justice, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2009, September 10). <u>Alienated Children and Their Families: Concepts</u>, <u>Definitions and Remedies</u>. Invited presentation the Superior Court of Justice, Central West, Toronto, ON.
- Carter, D.K., Deutsch, R.M., Eisen, R., Fidler, B.J., Kelly, J.B., & Sullivan, M.J. (2009, August 5). *Parenting Coordination: Practice, Research, and the Interface Between Psychology and Law*. Invited presentation Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Chodos, L. Nelson, C., & Vanbetlehem, J. (2009, May). *Alienation: Effective and Ineffective Legal and Clinical Interventions*. Workshop presented 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), New Orleans, Louisiana.

- Fidler, B.J. (2009, May 20). <u>Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System</u>. Invited presentation Supreme Court of British Columbia Education Seminar, National Judicial Institute, Kelowna, BC.
- Fidler, B.J. (2009, May 13). <u>Understanding and Working with High Conflict</u>

  <u>Personalities in Mediation and Involving Children in Mediation</u> (one day)

  Advanced Family Mediation & Negotiation Training, Toronto, ON.
- Bala, N., Fidler, B.J., Maur, M.J., & MacKinnon, J. (2009, May 8). *Family Law Panel Discussion*. Invited panelist Celebrating Professor Nick Bala: An Exceptional Career of Teaching & Scholarship Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Niman, H. (2009, March, 26). *The Expert in Cross: How to Effectively Cross Examine an Expert, Including Preparing your Expert for Cross; Producing your Expert's File.* Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Linton, H., Fidler, B.J., & Bastedo, T. (2009, March): *Family Mediation & Negotiation*. (5-days, basic course), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2008, November). *Parenting Coordination: Advanced Seminar* (1-day). Toronto, ON.
- Sherr, S., Fidler, B.J., McInnis, P.E., Sinclair, D., Vittie, D., & Jaffe, P.A. (2008, November 27). *A Panel Discussion: Domestic Violence, Parental Separation and Children*. Invited panelist Smokescreen or Fire? Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2008, October). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Shields, R., Fidler, B.J., & Clarke, A. (2008, June). <u>A Panel Discussion: Family Arbitration for Lawyers, Parenting Coordinators and Other Professionals:</u>
  <u>Overview of Training, Screening, Contracting and Practice Issues.</u> Invited presentation Ontario Association of Family Mediators, Mississauga, ON.
- Bond, P., Fidler, B.J., Kelly, J.B., & Sheinvold, A. (2008, May). *Advanced Institute on Parenting Coordination*. Invited one-day Institute 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Vancouver, BC.
- Bala, N., & Fidler, B.J. (2008, April). <u>Legal and Mental Health Responses to Child</u>
  <u>Alienation</u>. Invited presentation Family Law Section, Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2008, April). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.

- Fidler, B.J. (2008, March). *Innovative Interventions with High Conflict Parents: The Emerging Role of The Parenting Coordinator*. Invited one-day workshop Psychologists' Association of Alberta, Calgary, AB.
- Fidler, B.J. (2008, February). *The Interface of Child Professionals in a Family Law Matter*. Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, The Metro Convention Centre, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Chodos, L., & Linton (2008, January). *Parenting Coordination: Foundations Workshop* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2008, January). <u>Latency (a.k.a. "the Good Years") Best Research</u>. Invited presentation National Judicial Institute/Ontario Court of Justice: Judicial Development Institute, Metropolitan Hotel, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2008, January). <u>Legal Update: Parallel and Joint Custody</u>. Invited presentation National Judicial Institute/Ontario Court of Justice: Judicial Development Institute, Metropolitan Hotel, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Chodos, L., & Linton (2007, October). *Parenting Coordination: Family Law, Foundations and Advanced Applications* (2.5 days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Epstein, P. (2007, September). *Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System*. Invited presentation National Judicial Institute, Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, Winnipeg, MB.
- Fidler, B.J., Bala, N., & Goldberg, D. (2007, May). <u>Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System</u>. Workshop presented 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Washington, DC.
- Bala, N., Goldberg, D., & Fidler, B.J. (2007, May). *Alienation of Children in High Conflict Cases*. Invited presentation The Family Law Summit, Toronto, ON.
- Bala, N., Goldberg, D., & Fidler, B.J. (2007, April). *Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System*. Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Linton, H., Fisher, B., & Fidler, B.J. (2007, April). *Family Law Arbitration Training Seminar* (2-days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2007, March). *Parent-Child Contact Problems*. Invited one-day workshop Access for Parents and Children in Ontario APCO, Toronto, ON.

- Fidler, B.J. (2006, November 14). <u>Parenting Issues. Agreements, Agreements, Agreements: How to Settle Family Disputes Effectively</u>. Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Birnbaum, R., Hurwitz, H., & Fidler, B.J. (2006, October). *The High Conflict Forum: A Collaborative Effort to Promote Identification and Differential Responses for Separating And Divorcing Families.* Workshop presentation 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts) Atlanta, Georgia.
- Fidler, B.J., (2006, September). *Conducting Custody and Access Evaluations: Third Annual New Brunswick Worksho*p (2-days). Invited two-day workshop New Brunswick Association of Social Workers and the New Brunswick Department of Justice, Canada.
- Coates, C., Fidler, B.J., & Sullivan, M. (2006, May). <u>Advanced Institute on Parenting Coordination</u>. Invited one-day Institute 43<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Tampa, Florida.
- Fidler, B.J., & Chodos, L. (2006, January, May). *Parenting Coordination: Practice- Focused Training Seminar* (2.5 days), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2006, April). *Three Essential Building Blocks for Treatment With Families* of *Alienated Children*. Invited presentation Divorce Poison: Clinical & legal considerations: Working with families of alienated children, with Richard A. Warshak, Ph.D., Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2006, February). <u>Parenting Coordination: Clinical, Ethical & Legal</u>
  <u>Considerations</u>. Invited one-day workshop Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System, London, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2006, January). <u>Submission to the Standing Committee on Justice and Policy Relating to Bill 27, 2005</u>, Toronto, ON.
- Deutsch, R.M., Fidler, B.J., & Sullivan, M. (2005, September). *The Parenting*<u>Coordination Process (Modules 1 and 2</u>). Invited one-day Institute Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Regional Training Conference, Breckenridge, Colorado.
- Duvall, B., & Fidler, B.J. (2005, September). <u>Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts: Part II (Module 3</u>). Invited half-day workshop Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Regional Training Conference, Breckenridge, Colorado.

- Bala, N., Fidler, B.J., & Goldberg, D. (2005, May). *Parental Relocation: Where Are We Going?* Workshop 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Seattle, Washington.
- Bala, N., Goldberg, D., & Fidler, B.J. (2005, April). *Relocation and Outcomes*. Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Carere, A., Chodos, L., Horowitz, T., & Radovanovic, H. (2005, April). *The Alienated Child: Characteristics and Treatment Approaches*. Invited moderator Symposium on High Conflict Families of Separation and Divorce: Best Practice Approaches for Professionals Sponsored by JFCS in conjunction with Children's Services Network-North Quadrant, Toronto, ON.
- Freeman, R., Fidler, B.J., Gertner, E., Hanssmann, B., & Morris, R. (2005, April). <u>Clinical Interventions with High Conflict Families</u>. Invited presentation -Symposium on High Conflict Families of Separation and Divorce: Best Practice Approaches for Professionals Sponsored by JFCS in conjunction with Children's Services Network-North Quadrant, Toronto, ON.
- Kieller, K., Fidler, B.J., Olah, L., & Wice, L. (2005, February). *Parenting Coordination in High Conflict Families*. Invited presentation Ontario Bar Association (OBA), 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., Jones, L., Chodos, L., & Benotto, M. (2004, September). *Parenting*<u>Coordination: Practice Issues and Challenges</u>. Invited presentation 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Family Mediation Canada (FMC), Toronto, ON.
- Duvall, B., Fidler, B.J., & LaCrosse, E.R. (2004, May). <u>Advanced Parenting Coordinator</u> <u>Forum</u>. Invited half-day workshop 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), San Antonio, Texas.
- Coates, C., Fidler, B.J., et al. (2004, May). <u>Parenting Coordination Task Force</u>
  <u>Roundtable</u>. Invited presentation 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), San Antonio, Texas.
- Fidler, B.J. (2004, April). <u>Developmental Considerations in Creating Parenting Plans</u>. Invited one-day workshop Ontario Association for Family Mediation (OAFM), Mississauga, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2003, Fall and Winter). *Conducting Custody/Access Assessments: Foundations* (one 2-day and one 3-day), Toronto, ON.

- Fidler, B.J., Litvack, A., & Epstein, P. (2003, May). <u>Managing High Conflict Families</u>

  <u>Through Structured Parenting Plans: The Do's and Don'ts of the Parenting</u>

  <u>Coordinator and the Mediator/Arbitrator</u>. Workshop presented 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Ottawa, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (2001, February). *Working Therapeutically to Assist Parent-Child Problems in High Conflict Divorce*. Workshop presented 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1998, April). *Invited Address to The Special Joint Senate-House Committee* on Custody and Access, Ottawa, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1997, April). <u>Parental alienation: What is it? Developmental factors?</u>
  <u>What can be done?</u> Invited one day workshop Ontario Association of Family Mediators (OAFM), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1996, October). <u>Parental Alienation: A Legal and Psychological Dilemma</u>. Invited panelist Family Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBAO), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1996, March). Which factors must be considered when determining what is in a child's best interest in mobility cases? In B.J. Fidler (Chair), *Custody and Mobility Rights --Pros and Cons: Psychological, Legal and Judicial Perspectives*. Symposium presented 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1995, February). Psychological Assessment Methods Addressing Aspects of Child Custody and Access Disputes Other Than Parenting. In J. Pauker (Chair), <u>Use of Psychometric and Other Psychological Methods in Child Custody and Access Dispute Assessment</u>. Paper presented 48th Meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saunders, E. (1988, May). *Workshop on Custody and Access Disputing Families, Their Characteristics, Their Conflict*. Paper presented Annual Meeting of the Family Court Clinic Conference, Ottawa, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Cohen, C. (1988, January). <u>Psychological Test Screening Battery</u>:

  <u>Depression in Native Children</u>. Paper presented Meeting Exchanges in Indian and Inuit Mental Health, Medical Service Branch, Health and Welfare, Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B.J., & Saunders, E. (1988, February). *Reasons for Custody and Access Disputes*. Poster presented Meeting of the Annual Child Psychiatry Day, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON.

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- Fidler, B.J. (1987, November). *An Example Of Psychological Consultation in The North: Where Do We Go From Here?* Invited paper Annual Tripartite Meeting, Sioux Lookout, ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1987, February). <u>Children's Adjustment During Custody/Access Disputes:</u>
  <u>Relation to Custody Arrangement Gender, and Age Of Child.</u> Paper presented Meeting of the Annual Child Psychiatry Day, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto,
  ON.
- Fidler, B.J. (1986, February). Custody and access disputing families: The influence of custody arrangement and the parent/child relationship in children's adjustment. In B.J. Fidler (Chair), *Custody and Access Disputes: Data From Three Generations*. Paper presented 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association, (OPA), Toronto, ON.
- Fidler, B J. (1978). <u>The Interaction of Language, Emotion, and Cognition: Surprise and Training in a Piagetian Conservation Task</u>. Undergraduate Thesis presented Psychology Department Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.

## **Research Experience**

- 2009: <u>Family, Children & Youth Section Policy Sector, Department of Justice Canada</u>. *Parenting Alienation in Separation and Divorce: Literature Review.*
- 2006–2008: Ministry of Child and Youth Services, Research and Outcome Measurement (Branch Collaborator). Research on the validity and reliability of the high conflict guide (Phase 2).
- 2006 2007: Ministry of Children and Youth Services (Research & Outcome Measurement Branch/Child Welfare Secretariat) (member of research team). Evaluation of the Reliability and Validity of the High Conflict Guide for Separating and/or Divorcing Families (Phase 1).
- 2005-2006: High Conflict Forum. The *Dimensions of Conflict in Separated Families*. Member of subcommittee that created the initial scale tested in subsequent research (see above three items).
- September, 1983 1988: <u>Family Court Clinic, Clarke Institute</u>. Project on custody and access disputing families, instrument development, data collection, analyses and management.
- September, 1984 November, 1984: <u>Family Court Clinic</u>, <u>Clarke Institute</u>. Project on collecting follow-up data on juvenile sexual offenders.

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May, 1983 – August, 1984: <u>Child and Family Studies Centre, Clarke Institute</u>. Project on marital and family interaction and the development of a family observation system.

September, 1982 – December, 1983: <u>Child and Family Studies Centre, Clarke Institute</u>. Project involving gifted clinical and non-clinical children and psychological assessment.

December, 1978 – May, 1979: <u>Adolescent Reasoning Project</u>, <u>Lawrence Hall of Science</u>, Berkeley, California.

## **Memberships in Professional Associations**

- > Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
- > Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Ontario Chapter (AFCC-O)
- > Canadian Psychological Association
- > American Psychological Association
- > Family Mediation Canada
- > Ontario Association Family Mediation: Accredited Member
- > Canadian Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
- > The College of Psychologists of Ontario
- > Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario: Member, Certified PC

#### Participation in Professional Organizations, Task Forces & Awards

- > FIDRIO, Crowe Soberman Award of Excellence (November 2017)
- > Distinguished President's Service Award, AFCC-O (October 2015)
- > OCJ/SCJ Court Committee on Assessments (December 2013 ongoing)
- > Board Member, Overcoming Barriers (December 2013 December 2017)
- > OPA Members List Serve
- > College of Psychologists of Ontario Task Force on the provision of psychological services in the context of child custody disputes (Chair; September 2012- 2016)
- > President (2011-2012), Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Ontario (AFCC-O)
- > Myer Elkin Essay Award, Association of Family and Conciliation Court (2011, for Fidler & Bala, *Family Court Review*, January 2010)
- > Member of the Expert Advisory Group, Ministry of the Attorney General, addressing 4 Pillars
- > Family Court Review, Member of Editorial Board (2010 ongoing)
- > Ontario Psychological Association: Referral Service Task Force (2004-2005)
- > AFCC Task Force: Developing Guidelines of Practice For Parenting Coordination (ongoing)

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## Specialized Training<sup>1</sup>

- > Mindfulness
- > The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)
- > The Personal Heath Information Protection Act (PHIPA)
- > Annual Barbara Wand Seminars in Professional Ethics, Standards and Conduct, College of Psychologists of Ontario (Annually)
- > Parenting Coordination
- > Family Law Arbitration
- > Family Law, Family Law Rules
- > Basic and Advanced Mediation
- > Screening for Domestic Violence and Power Imbalances
- > Parental Alienation, High Conflict Divorce
- > Custody/Access Assessments
- > Exner Comprehensive Rorschach System Advanced Workshops
- > EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) Level 1
- > Systemic, structural, and strategic therapies
- > Brief and solution-focused and narrative therapies
- > Marital therapy
- > Treatment of incest survivors; adult children of alcoholics; post-traumatic stress disorder; panic and anxiety disorders; attachment disorders

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<sup>1</sup> List of training, workshops and seminars attended available upon request.