Moving Healthy Relationship Education “Up and Out”
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Webinar Question and Answer

Question: Our judges tend to be a very tough audience. How did you gain Family Court buy in?
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Well, I think timing was really on my side with that one. I was doing some research with some other specialists nationwide and decided that this is an area that was really of interest to me and I approached them.

I went through the person who coordinates the parent education in this State, because co-parenting education is coordinated from the State supreme court, and she said this is really wonderful because we have ten different versions of co-parenting courses going on around the State and they're very different and we don't have any data on if they're any good or not.

And I was able to fill that need. So then she invited me to a conference of the judges and, yes, presenting to about 70 judges was kind of interesting for me.

And they were very interested and I was really moved, I have to say, very moved by the compassion of many of the judges in terms of their wish to really be able to be of more use to the family than they could sometimes be behind the bench. So I think in this case it was a very fortunate timing thing and a staff person who saw the need and then she just kept pushing it - pushing it forward.

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