

# LONG ISLAND WOMAN

## Elder Mediation

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### ELDER MEDIATION

Elder mediation recognizes the voice of older and disabled adults in the decisions that impact their quality of life. Because most major life changes involve the whole family, decision-making rarely involves just one issue. Mediation provides an opportunity for families to come together to discuss these issues in an open and supportive environment that fosters creative solutions that are best suited for them.

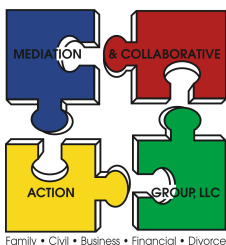
As baby boomers age and government resources diminish, families will face many difficult choices concerning how they handle transitions during their elders' declining years. Families will have to be able to evaluate resources and options and develop ever changing strategies to support their elders. This will require communication and problem solving skills that will need to be increasingly sophisticated. Elder mediation is a first step for families to help them address their changing needs. It gives them a forum to share decision making, express emotional feelings and begin the decision making process before it becomes a crisis.

Parties may seek mediation to resolve the following issues:

- \*Disputes among Adult Children about their Parents
- \*Residence Decisions
- \*Caregiving Issues, including caregiver role-reversal disputes
- \*Financial Management Disputes
- \*Estate Planning
- \*Inheritance Disputes
- \*Medical Treatment Decisions
- \*Guardianship
- \*Post-Appointment Decisions (Guardianship)
- \*Ongoing Relationships

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