White Paper

Calgary Feedback: Sept 13 2016
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Edmonton Feedback: Sept 22, 2016
12 Participants plus Tammy and Jocelyn
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Calgary comments;

-Compensation is low for both Civil and Family and the Family rate has not changed since 1997.
-Renting space is costly for mediators
-Australia study suggests that for every dollar spent in mediation services by government, 9 dollars is saved by the system.
-Co-mediation allows for gender balance and prevents mediator fatigue and allows for mentoring to take place.
-Make presentations to the Law Society
-What is mediation?
-The public understanding of mediation needs to be greatly increased.
-Educate the law profession about mediation
-People should be told to get a good mediator instead of get a good lawyer.
-Engage law students
-There should be a media plan
-Write every law school

Edmonton comments:

-You have to convince government what the benefit of ADR is to them. Politicians like to get re-elected.
-Focus should be on professionalism and self-regulation
-We should push for degrees and post graduate degrees in mediation
-Whenever legislation is amended, insert an ADR clause with a designation into the legislation
-Credibility is very important
-Focus on self- regulation, not compensation
-Self- regulation is costly for individual mediators
-While the promotion of ADR will take time, there should be short term goals
-Legislation should say that if you call yourself a mediator, you must belong to an organization-it's a start!
-Don't just show a business case for ADR but also show how to roll it out because mandated ARD programs do work
-Public awareness of ADR is critical
-Leverage the media
Stress the long term effects of ADR on children's health as a health benefit
-The court is a perfect form for people with personality disorders
-Tap into social media
-Not just stats but qualitative work
-What should the awareness strategy be?
We should have testimonials of success
-Is there systematic support of ADR in the law profession?