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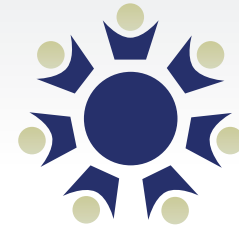
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# Separation and Divorce doesn't have to be a battle

There is a process that gives you and your partner the likelihood of resolving issues without the need for court.

Collaborative Family Law gives the best opportunity to promote a constructive relationship for you and your children even after you have separated.

Collaborative Family Law offers a dignified alternative to assist you to negotiate and resolve a family law dispute with the security and support of ongoing legal and professional advice.

## Why does Collaborative Family Law work?

- Avoids the financial and emotional cost of going to Court
- Achieves a fair outcome for both parties and for the children in a way that ensures everybody's viewpoint is heard.
- Assists both parties to make their own decisions
- Maintains privacy
- You set the timetable
- Both parties have the same obligation to give financial disclosure as required in a traditional family law matter
- Provides outcomes that can be quicker, less expensive and more certain than litigation
- You have legal and professional advice and support on hand
- Ensures that nobody has an incentive to resort to litigation. If the collaborative negotiation breaks down each party must get different lawyers to act for them in court. This is usually enough to ensure that the negotiation continues until a final agreement is reached.



## How does Collaborative Family Law work?

- Each party signs an agreement to negotiate without going to court or threatening court
- Each party retains a trained collaborative lawyer for the process
- Both parties attend round-table settlement meetings with their own lawyers until the matter is settled or the process finishes

## Where to get advice and assistance?

Central Sydney Collaborative Forum ('CSCF') is a professional organisation of over 20 experienced family lawyers in central Sydney.

CSCF is not a law firm but a think-tank of lawyers who are committed to the constructive and positive resolution of family law disputes.

CSCF lawyers are all specially trained to conduct collaborative family law matters in a way designed to achieve a positive outcome for all parties.

CSCF lawyers have contacts with family and communication specialists, and accountants and financial planners who all understand, are trained in and support collaborative practice.

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