

Melissa Sulkowski is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Pennsylvania who has been working with children and families for nearly 24 years. She holds her certification with the National Board of Certified Counselors and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Arts in Counseling. Melissa has been in private practice for 17 years and spends her days as a full time Peacemaker providing alternative dispute resolution services. Prior to opening her own practice, she worked with children placed in Residential Treatment Facilities. Melissa is the owner of NurturInse, a practice that promotes a holistic approach and offers peaceful alternatives to healing. Melissa has attended multiple trainings on communication and conflict resolution skills. She has provided Coaching and Family Mediation to hundreds of families going through separation and divorce. Melissa has been very successful with assisting families in reaching resolution outside of a court process. She is a founding member of the Collaborative Professionals of Northwest Pennsylvania (CPNWPA) and served as the President of the local practice group for four years. Melissa has presented at several Collaborative Practice forums and Mediation conferences. Her impressions have been published in the The Trend: A Newsletter of the PA Bar Association's Collaborative Law Committee. She has also presented for other professionals nationally and for her local and state Bar Associations. In addition, the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals for their first "Leadership Academy", a program designed to create leaders in the collaborative community, elected Melissa. In February of 2014, Melissa was selected as a recipient of the Athena PowerLink award. Athena International is a program that recognizes potential in woman owned businesses and assists them in taking their business to the "next level". Their mission is to support business development and inspire women leaders to achieve their full potential. In July of 2016, Melissa was selected as 1 of 15 Peacemaking Professionals between the United States and Canada. As a result, she is a founding member of Peacemaking Practice Trainers. Melissa will also be published by the American Bar Association in 2018 as a contributing author to a book that will provide trained professionals with real-world tools to succeed in Collaborative Practice.