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## **Ontario premier kicks off family dispute resolution week**

Premier Kathleen Wynne, a former volunteer mediator at St. Stephen's Community House in Toronto, will give the keynote address at the Family Law Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario's initial conference on Monday, November 23, which will herald FDRIO's first-ever Family Dispute Resolution Week.

Ontario Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur will be the luncheon speaker at the one-day conference. Family Dispute Resolution Week will continue until November 27, featuring events for family dispute professionals and the public in North York, Toronto, Pickering and Barrie.

FDRIO is a new, not-for-profit organization designed to bring together professionals in the family dispute resolution to advance advocacy about the benefits of resolving cases out of court. FDRIO also aims to educate the public about the costs and benefits of each dispute resolution process available in family law cases. As well, the organization seeks to help the public identify those rare cases when going to court is the best option, and to provide information that will help unrepresented parties better navigate the system.

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