## CHILD SUPPORT PROCESSES OPTIONS FOR CANADA

## APPENDIX B

## CONTINUUM

Pure Adjudicative - No attempts at preliminary mediation or conciliation of the issues	Traditional Western court processes - complex issues of fact or law - no likelihood of the two parties being able to resolve their positions. The judge or hearing officer imposes a binding decision on the parties.
Binding Adjudication combined with preliminary attempts to resolve at least some of the issues through mediation / conciliation	This can also be considered a variation of mediation- arbitration. It may be through a referral to another service either outside or within the court or instead, both functions conducted by the same person.
Recommending Arbitration (Mediation-Arbitration)	A very common approach used in a number of existing programs. Arbitrator subsequently makes recommendation to court.
Recommending Mediation	Mediator subsequently writes a report to the court.
Mediation/Opinion as to the likely outcome of the case	Would probably require a certain amount of expertise on the part of the mediator.
Confidential Mediation	Typical of many family court services mediation programs - this is mediation in its most traditional and pure sense.