## PERSONA REPRESENTED: Paula Williams

## MAIN GOAL OF THIS PARTICULAR JOURNEY: To successfully understand how to separate joint assets, agree on child support payments and file for divorce.

Relationship Breakdowr			Decision Making	Paula arranges to take a day off work and coordinates with her support person to attend the in-person FLIP together. Her support person helps translate the content as it is being presented. She wants to learn more about the mediation option and talks to the presenter at the end of the session.			
Paula and her former partner have lived separately for around two years and have a teenager who will be attending university next year.  Paula is thinking about marrying her new partner and wants a divorce to avoid future complications.						Paula and her former partner tried the mediation from FLIC and successfully resolved their conflict of misunderstanding.	
	Paula's friends have given her advice to think about how her divorce will require separating all joint assets including pension and child support payments for post-secondary.		Paula decides to visit the Barrie courthouse with her language support person to start the separation process and file a court order. She is told that she will need to take the Family Law informaiton program and decides to do the in-person option.		Paula and her former partner look up their local Family Law information centre details in their FLIP resource package and decide to visit the centre to try the free mediation service.		They will proceed to writing their separation agreement and submitting a joint divorce.
w are we going to pay for our kid's ion once we're separated?	Let me ask some of my friends that have divorced what to expect.	Is separating pension something a judge decides? I think I need to visit the court.	Court order? Do I need to get a lawyer? I need to bring someone with me to help me understand!	Okay this FLIP information is pretty useful! Let me follow up on this mediation option.	The Family law information centre offers free mediation according to the FLIP. Maybe we should try that first?	Okay I'm glad mediation worked out!	I now know what I need to get done to finish this process!
Resolute about separation decision but also confused about the fine details	Worried and stressed about everything to consider	Overwhelmed and upset.	Distressed and confused.	Reassured and hopeful	Determined and informed	Relieved	Thankful and determined
		When people are applying for pensions it could be stated then that this will be considered a joint asset once married. This will help increase public awareness.	Part of the script for the clerks could be asking whether alternative methods have been considered before filling for the court order. A brief 'what to expect' for the FLIP should be told for people without lawyers.	Make presenters available after each session to field questions from the audience and advise visting the family law information centre.	Redesign the resource package so it is short and concise. Highlight local resources and point all online resources to one website.		Inform that joint and simple divorces can be submitted online. Highlight the ontario.ca FLIP on information about completing a separation agreement.