

MEDIATION AGREEMENT

We understand and agree to all of the following statements:

1. We both participate in mediation voluntarily. We will make an effort to reach agreement. However, if mediation is not helpful, either of us can choose to return to court.
2. Many cases require more than one session. We agree to attend all scheduled sessions.
3. Usually, the parents are together during a session. The mediator may meet with a parent alone. What that parent says alone with the mediator will be private unless he/she agrees to share with the other parent.
4. The mediator:
 - Will try to help us reach our own agreement
 - Will keep our discussions confidential
 - Will help us write an agreement
5. The mediator will not:
 - tell us what we should do
 - give legal advice to either parent
 - testify in court about anything said or done in the session
 - provide notes or draft agreements used in the session for use in our hearing or trial
 - act as a counselor or therapist, but may ask about a child's needs or whether a parenting plan can work
6. Nobody can record a mediation session.
7. The mediator may notify the proper authorities if there is a report of child abuse or neglect or a threat of harm to the other parent or another person.
8. If we reach an agreement, we may sign and file the agreement with the court. The agreement will become part of the court record. Either of us may talk to an attorney before signing an agreement.
9. Nothing that we said or did in mediation is part of an agreement unless it is in writing and signed by both of us. The mediator will notify the court if we did not reach agreement.
10. Neither of us may testify at our hearing or trial about anything said or done in mediation except to tell the judge about our written agreement.
11. Our mediator has explained that the Court System provides a limited number of hours of the mediator's time on issues related to our children at no cost to either party. If the limit is reached or if we want to continue to mediate on other issues such as property, we may be required to pay the mediator at his/her program rate of \$75/hour.

The mediator has reviewed this agreement with us and we agree with all its terms.

<hr/> Mediator	<hr/> Date	<hr/> Case Number
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The court mediation program is supported by a grant that requires us to collect some information about the parties. Our program could not continue without this grant. The information is used only for the mandatory grant report. It is reported for the program as a whole; no information is reported for single case. Other than the report, the information is confidential. Thank you for providing the following:

- Mother's est. annual income Under \$10,000 \$10,000 - \$19,000 \$20,000 - \$29,000 \$30,000 - \$39,000 \$40,000 +
- Father's est.annual income Under \$10,000 \$10,000 - \$19,000 \$20,000 - \$29,000 \$30,000 - \$39,000 \$40,000 +
- Mother race/ethnicity American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African American Hispanic or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Two or more races Other
- Father race/ethnicity American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African American Hispanic or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Two or more races Other