

Need More Information?

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“We communicate so much better since our mediation: We take time to listen to each other”

Mother of a 15 year old

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SETTLEMENT
peace it together

Parent/Child Mediation



See the possibilities together.

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What is Mediation?

Mediation is the process whereby two or more disputing parties AGREE to participate in negotiation in an informal setting, as opposed to the adversarial process, for the purpose of finding acceptable solutions to all concerns brought to the table.

Mediation is an alternative to:

Filing PINS
Out of home Placement
Family Turmoil
Family Court Involvement

Mediation is Always:

Voluntary
Confidential
Conducted by a neutral third party.

Mediation is available to any Livingston County resident over the age of seven years.

What can be resolved?

Any issue both the parent and the child AGREE upon.

Parent/child differences which are often brought on by the onset of adolescence including concerns over:

Behavior
Household responsibilities
School performance
Curfew
Peers
Discipline
Privacy
Financial concerns
Sibling rivalry
Single parent concerns
Criminal mischief
Trust
Communication

At the Session:

Each party has an opportunity to explain their side of the dispute without interruption with the assistance of a mediator. Both sides discuss all areas of disagreement and with the mediator's aid reach a mutually agreeable solution which can be written up as a contract between them.

What are the advantages?

- It is Inexpensive- There is only an administrative Fee of \$25.00 per person.
- It is Always Confidential
- A NEUTRAL person helps consider all options
- Mediation Results in better communication between family members
- Mediation may result in a written agreement between parties
- Mediation helps families maintain control over family problems
- The Center for Dispute Settlement provides a neutral conference room setting as opposed to school disciplinary setting and/or a formal adversarial process
- Everybody has their chance to tell their side of the story
- In Mediation everyone at the table is treated with equal consideration
- **Mediation provides a chance to look at problems, together, as a Family.**