

Other Important Mediation Facts

- Mediated solutions are often more effective than those reached in court.
- The deep bond between families motivates you to try to solve the problem.
- Families are often the best candidates for mediation because of this strong bond.

The biggest motivator is keeping the family unit together.

Mediation is:

- Neutral.
- Voluntary.
- Driven by the parties.
- Eases Communication.
- Empowering.
- Confidential.

Try Mediation! It Works!

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Pre-PINS and Parent-Child Mediation

Mediation is a process that will help you and your child talk to each other.

Why Does Parent-Child Mediation Work?

- This process addresses the true nature of the problem, not just troubling behavior.

Parent-Child Mediation Helps You

- Communicate effectively and meaningfully.
- Learn to listen to each other.
- Learn how to solve conflict together as a family.
- Avoid out of home placement of the child.

Families address the “bigger” picture, not just the presenting problem.

The decision is in *your* hands.

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School and Family Guide to Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Restorative Justice Practices

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Dispute Resolution and Restorative Practices

Attendance Mediation: Responding to the challenges of truancy by bringing together parents and teachers to identify underlying issues and develop a collaborative plan to address these issues. The goal is to improve attendance by building communication between the family and school. Mediation is facilitated by a professionally trained adult volunteer mediator.

Restorative Practices: A strategy that works to repair relationships that have been damaged. The practice is facilitated in a circle setting, with all parties involved in the conflict participating in the circle. The goal is to acknowledge the harm done, have remorse shown for causing the harm and solicit forgiveness from the parties harmed. The circle is facilitated by a staff or volunteer person trained in Restorative Practices.

Peer Mediation: Problem solving by youth with youth. A process in which two or more students involved in a conflict meet in a private, safe and confidential setting to work out problems with the assistance of a trained student mediator. A trained school staff person conducts intake and supervises the group of Peer Mediators. Common Ground's Youth Program Manager would be available to check in, answer questions, and attend to any needs the Peer Mediators may have.

Parent-Child Mediation/PINS Diversion or Adjustment Services: A meeting of parents and their child with a trained mediator to address many family issues.. These issues can include; curfew, peer relationships, discipline, household responsibilities, school problems, single-parent concerns, step-child/step-parent problems and girlfriend/boyfriend difficulties and minor criminal issues. Parents and Children between 9 and 18 years of age are eligible.



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