

Child Custody Mediation

Child Custody Mediation is a way to resolve your dispute regarding the custody of your child. If you reach an agreement, your mediator will reduce your agreement to writing and Common Ground will submit it to the Family Court.

The mediation process is informal, private, confidential, and voluntary.

Anyone can come to Common Ground to mediate! You don't need a referral from a judge—you can simply give us a call at 518.943.0523 or email us at info@commongroundinc.org

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Why Shoud I Mediate?

Mediation is a self-driven process and an alternative to the traditional court system. You make decisions about your child's future and their best interests, rather than having the court make decisions for you.

"Our Mission is to help you find a path from conflict to mutual understanding. By working to remove barriers to communication, you are given voice and empowered to reach a common ground."

*Mediation is not appropriate in cases involving intimate partner violence, child abuse or neglect.



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What Issues Can be Mediated?

- Legal and residential custody
- Parenting time or visitation
- Grandparenting visitation
- Birthdays, holidays, vacations
- Religious decisions
- Medical decisions
- Communication tips
- Conflict Coaching*
- Future plans
- Educational decisions
- Role of the new partner

*A separate service of Common Ground. Call us for more information.

About Us

Common Ground is a grassroots, nonprofit mediation center serving Greene and Columbia Counties. Common Ground provides specially trained and certified volunteer mediators to help people communicate with each other and arrive at a mutually agreeable solution to their conflict. Typical conflicts are child custody, neighbors, housing, and small claims disputes.

Who are the Mediators?

Mediators are professionals from your community who have been trained to help you resolve your dispute. Mediators are neutral and will not take sides. They are skilled to help you communicate with each other and reach an agreement that you both can live with.



Creating a Parenting Plan

Creating a parenting plan which focusses on your child's needs and best interests is easier in an informal and confidential setting. In mediation, you both take an active role in decision-making regarding your child, and you, not a judge or someone who doesn't know your child, know what is best for your child. Creating a parenting plan in mediation is natural and allows you the time to make these very important decisions affecting your child.

How do I start?

Requesting a mediation has never been easier! Call or text us at 518.947.9101; Email us at info@commongroundinc.com.

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