

Do I need a Referral?

You don't need a referral to mediate, but referrals can be made by members of your community, including:

- Judges
- Friends
- Family members
- Schools
- Neighbors
- Law enforcement
- Court personnel
- Attorneys
- Public and private agencies
- Clergy
- District attorneys

Get started right away!

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Why Should I Mediate?

Mediation is a self-driven process and is a good alternative to the traditional court system. Where judgments had only a 50% compliance rate, compliance with mediated agreements exceeded 90% (Mediate.com 2022).

"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 domestic violence or child abuse.



Community Mediation

 COMMONGROUND



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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.



What is Mediation?

Mediation is a way to resolve your dispute and an appropriate alternative to the court system. If you reach an agreement, your mediator will reduce your agreement to writing for you to sign. If you were referred by a court, Common Ground will send your agreement to the Judge, and it will be converted into an Order of the 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—just give us a call at 518.943.0523 or email us at info@commongroundinc.org

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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 at helping you communicate with each other to reach an agreement that you both can live with.



What Issues Can I Mediate?

Breach of Contract

Neighbor Disputes

Small Claims Disputes

Housing Disputes

Child Custody Disputes

Agricultural Mediation

New and Used Car Lemon Law Arbitration

Workplace

School Issues (Fights, Truancy, Behavior)

Special Education

Estate/Trust/Guardianship Disputes