

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION PROGRAM

Family Law Mediation program for Non-Custody Disputes

THERE ARE OPTIONS TO LITIGATION

Going to court may decide the dispute, but the process can be time consuming, expensive, and emotionally draining. "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)", is a term used to describe all the other options available for settling the dispute you thought you had to take to court. One of the options available through ADR that offers the opportunity to solve your dispute is the "Family Law Mediation Program (FLMP)".

ADR processes such as the FLMP are less formal than court and provide opportunities for litigants to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach rather than the more adversarial approach of litigation. The mediation can save time, money, and emotional stress.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST

The Mediation offers an alternative to solve disputes about issues other than the custody and/or visitation of your children to litigants in the Family Law Department. The program provides three hours of free mediation services by appointment. Mediators receive no compensation for their time so there is no fee for the mediator's participation.

WHO ARE THE MEDIATORS

The Mediation panel is composed of family law mediators who facilitate communication between parties and assist them in reaching a mutually acceptable solution. The mediator may meet with both parties together or separately in a confidential session. Mediators on this panel donate their time to the courts as a way of supporting the judicial system.

HOW A CASE IS REFERRED TO THE PROGRAM

The Mediation program is available in each district. Referrals to the program are voluntary. If parties wish to participate, the Court may refer the case to mediation. In order to initiate mediation services, all parties

must sign the "Stipulation to Participate in Family Law ADR" form, complete the ADR intake packet and select a mediator from the Family Law Mediation Program panel. For more information contact your local courthouse.

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION COURT SERVICES LOCATIONS

111 North Hill Street, Room 113 Los Angeles, CA 90012	(213) 974-5425
400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106 Pomona, CA 91766	(909) 620-3183
42011 4 th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 974-7619
600 East Broadway, Room 273 Glendale, CA 91206	(818) 500-3160
300 East Walnut Street, Room 109 Pasadena, CA 91101	(626) 356-5685
9425 Penfield Street, Room 1200 Chatsworth, CA 91311	(818) 576-8565
6230 Sylmar Avenue, Room 331 Van Nuys, CA 91401	(818) 374-2337
415 West Ocean Boulevard, Room 316 Long Beach, CA 90802.	(562) 491-6272
200 West Compton Boulevard, Room 1002. Compton, CA 90220	(310) 603-3072
12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 308 Norwalk, CA 90650	(562) 807-7243
825 Maple Avenue, Room 100 Torrance, CA 90503	(310) 222-1701
1725 Main Street, Room 203 Santa Monica, CA 90401	(310) 260-1829
<p><i>For mediation on custody and/or visitation matters call Family Court Services (213) 974-5524</i></p> <p>www.lasuperiorcourt.org</p>	
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