

Mediation Goals!

The goal of mediation include reaching a consensus agreement that will satisfy everyone's concerns and at the same time be in the child's best interests.

Child Permanency Mediation gives parent(s) an opportunity to have input into the decisions about their child(ren). It is an informal meeting facilitated by a neutral mediator including all the people who are most closely connected with the case. Everyone is given an opportunity to speak and share concerns as well as possible solutions to the issues. The Mediator encourages everyone to think about the options on the table and work for what's in the best interest of the child(ren). If an agreement is reached it will be presented to the court for approval.



What's in the
best interest
of the Child?

How the Child Permanency Mediation Process Works

The judge orders the case to mediation from the bench with the date and time which has been provided from the local Early Settlement Mediation program office.



All of the people who are most closely connected with the court case are required to attend. These will include the Parent (s) and their Attorney, DHS Social Worker, Assistant District Attorney, the Child's Attorney, Tribal ICW worker, CASA (if one has been appointed), Therapists, Foster Parents, and Family Members that may be chosen by the Court.



A representative of the Early Settlement Mediation program office will email all parties a confirmation with the location where the mediation session will be held.



The mediation session may take as long as 2 hours so plan on being free for at least that length of time.



A trained and certified mediator who is a neutral person will facilitate a discussion to help resolve the issues at hand. The mediator does not make any decisions.



If a consensus recommendation is reached, everyone who participates in the mediation signs the recommendation. It is then presented to the Judge for approval. Most often the Judge will accept and approve all of the decisions that were made and this agreement will be incorporated into an order of the Court.

What is Child Permanency Mediation?

Child Permanency Mediation is designed to assist parties in deprived cases come to consensus recommendations on how best to move a case forward to permanency. It can be used at any point in the life of a case:

At the beginning of a case prior to adjudication.

At six months to resolve issues with engaging parents in individual service plans.

If permanency goals change from reunification to adoption.

Early Settlement Mediation can assist in creating solutions that improve permanency outcomes for children and families.

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