

EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC



IMPORTANT DATES:

**OFFICE CLOSED-
MAY 30TH FOR
MEMORIAL DAY**

**JORJIA CASH OUT
OF OFFICE- MAY
26-30TH**

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INFORMATION!**



Mary Garber

Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month- Mary Garber

by Jorjia Cash, Director

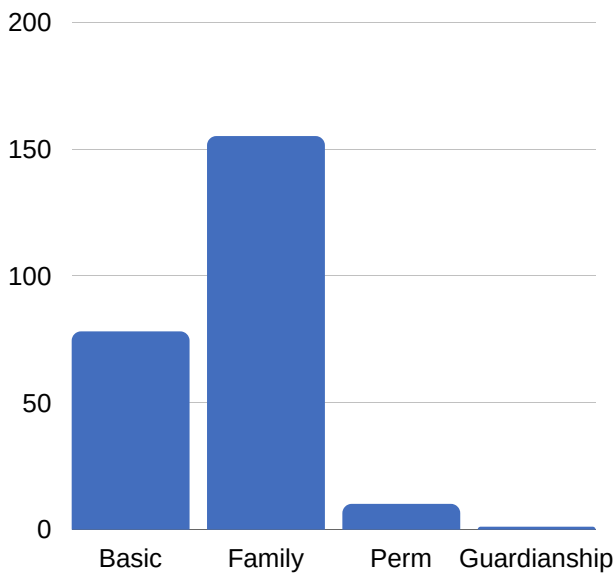
Mary Garber has been selected as our volunteer of the month for April 2022. Mary is certified in Basic and Mediation. Mary became a volunteer mediator prior to the pandemic (in 2019), and was on the first volunteers back in full force in 2020-2021.

Mary became a volunteer mediator thanks to encouragement by her friend, Elaine Rhynes. She joined because she always has had an interest in the judicial system.

Mary finds that one of the most rewarding things about being a volunteer mediator is when a settlement is reached. However even when a settlement isn't reached "I feel quite rewarded that I was a part of the conversation to assist others in reaching a better understanding of their issues."

You can learn more about Mary by checking your email and reading her full volunteer of the month interview. Mary is located in Pontotoc County, but is willing to serve in all 7 of our counties the East Central Program covers! Thank you for your hard work Mary!

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE



Agreement Info:

- **73 Basic Cases Mediated**
 - 39 Agreements
- **104 Family Cases Mediated**
 - 64 Agreements
- **10 Permanency Cases Mediated**
 - 5 Agreements
- **1 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
 - 0 Agreements

TOTAL: 188 Cases Mediated
108 Agreements

*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement. Numbers are for July 2021- March 2022

Mediation Stats FY 2022:

- **78 Basic Referrals**
 - 73 Mediated
- **155 Family/Divorce Referrals**
 - 104 Mediated
- **13 Permanency Referrals**
 - 10 Mediated
- **1 Guardianship Referral**
 - 1 Mediated

TOTAL: 247 Referrals
188 Cases Mediated

*These numbers are for July 2021- March 2022.

Volunteer of the Year Nominees 2019, 2020, 2021



Ron Faulk

FY 2019 and 2020– East Central Volunteer of the Year Nominee

4- YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER
 2- CERTIFICATIONS
 2- FY 19 BASIC CASES MEDIATED
 2- FY 20 BASIC CASES MEDIATED
 23- FY 19 FAMILY CASES MEDIATED
 22- FY20 FAMILY CASES MEDIATED

Ron Faulk has been a dedicated mediator for the East Central Program for four years. During this time Ron has volunteered 243 hours to this program. Ron live in Shawnee Area and helps mediate in Pottawatomie and Seminole Counties. Ron has been nominated as the East Central Program's Volunteer of the Month for December 2021. Ron is also currently working on becoming a permanency mediation mediator. When asked what the most rewarding thing about being a volunteer mediator, he replied "It potentially makes a positive difference in the lives of children affected. It can also bring some peace to interpersonal conflicts." Thank you Ron for your hard work and dedication to this program!



Ed Staley

FY 2021– East Central Volunteer of the Year Nominee

7- YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER
 3- CERTIFICATIONS
 0- FY 21 BASIC CASES MEDIATED
 19- FY 21 FAMILY CASES MEDIATED
 0- FY 21 CP CASE MEDIATED

Ed has been a fantastic volunteer mediator in the East Central Program area for 7 years. Ed has previously been nominated for Volunteer of the Year in 2018. He's been nominated for Volunteer of the Month for the East Central Program in October of 2021. Ed has volunteered over 250 hours in the East Central Program. Ed lives in the Seminole, Oklahoma area. He serves as a mediator for Pottawatomie, Seminole and Hughes Counties. When asked what Ed finds the most rewarding about being a volunteer mediator, he replied "Seeing the parties work out a solution. If children are involved, I really like to see the parties work out a solution that improves the situation for the children." Thank you for being such a dedicated volunteer!