

# EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

*The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC*



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**OFFICE CLOSED- MONDAY,  
MAY 31, 2021 FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY**

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**OFFICE COORDINATOR  
OUT OF OFFICE- JUNE 1-  
2, 2021 ON LEAVE**

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**NEW EARLY  
SETTLEMENT  
MEDIATION WEBSITE!**

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## Update by County

*by Jorjia Cash, Director*

Here are updates on openings/closures for each county as of April 13, 2021

Pottawatomie County: Courthouse and D.A.'s Annex is open. No other venue open for mediation at this time. Small Claims and Eviction docket are active each Wednesday. There is a Jury Term scheduled for May 10- 21, 2021, which will mean no dockets during that time.

Seminole County: Mediations can still be held in-person at the Seminole Public Library. The courthouse has re-opened and dockets are in full swing. We also now have access to First United Bank in Seminole for in-person mediations.

Hughes County: The courthouse has reopened and is allowing us to schedule mediations there. The docket is back in session. We also have access to First United Bank in Holdenville for in-person mediations

See next page for more information:

## Updates by Docket Continued...

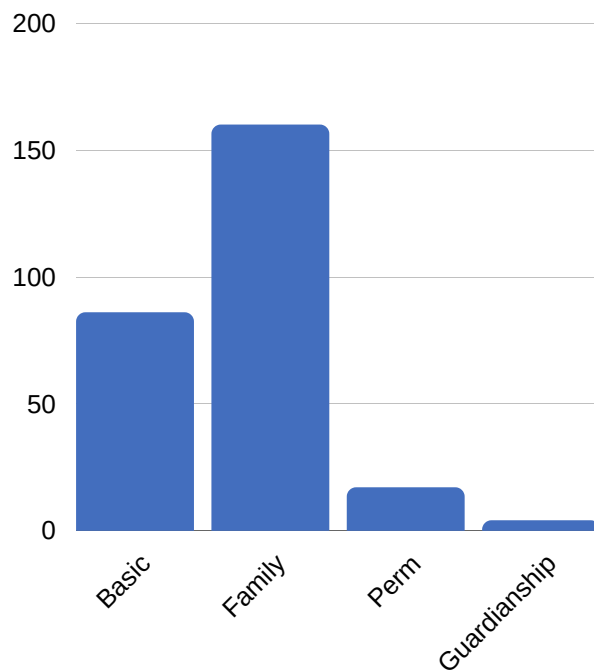
Pontotoc County: Courthouse is opened. In-person mediations are scheduled at the Early Settlement Office in Ada, Oklahoma. We use our conference room for mediations with 3 people, and the Regent's Room on campus for larger mediations

Coal County: In-person mediations scheduled for Coal County Courthouse in Coalgate, Oklahoma.

Garvin County: Courthouse is opened. In-person mediations scheduled at the Pauls Valley Public Library in their large room to allow for social distancing. Small Claims Docket is still taking place, with social distancing guidelines in place. Jury Term has been scheduled for April 12-23, 2021. There will be no dockets during that time frame.

Okfuskee County: Courthouse is limited access to the public. In person mediations can be scheduled at the courthouse.

Facemasks are required for all in-person mediations. Small Claims dockets have been provided with clean bags, to allow sanitization to occur between cases. Online mediation still offered for those who have been affected by COVID-19 or upon request.



## Referrals as of March FY 2021

- **86 Basic Referrals**
  - 81 Mediated
- **160 Family/Divorce Referrals**
  - 109 Mediated
- **17 Permanency Referrals**
  - 10 Mediated
- **4 Guardianship Referral**
  - 2 Mediated

**TOTAL: 267 Referrals**  
199 Cases Mediated

\*These numbers are for July to March for the Fiscal Year of 2021.

## Agreement Info:

- **81 Basic Cases Mediated**
  - 45 Agreements
- **109 Family Cases Mediated**
  - 64 Agreements
- **10 Permanency Cases Mediated**
  - 7 Agreements
- **2 Guardianship Referral**
  - 2 Agreements

**TOTAL:199 Cases Mediated**  
118 Agreements

\*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement. Numbers are for July to March FY2021

