

EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC



IMPORTANT DATES:

**JORJIA OUT OF OFFICE-
3/14-3/21/2022
SPRING BREAK**

**SAVE THE DATE:
VOLUNTEER
CONFERENCE- 4/8/22**

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Melanie Andrews
Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month- Melanie Andrews

by Jorjia Cash, Director

Melanie Andrews has been selected as our volunteer of the Month for February 2022! Melanie is a volunteer mediator located in Seminole County.

Melanie became a volunteer mediator to assist people with solving their problems. She knows that it is stressful to go before a judge and try to remember everything you want to say. Melanie says that "In mediation people have that chance to say everything they want without feeling rushed".

Melanie says the most rewarding thing about being a volunteer mediator is knowing that she helped people resolve their issues or gave them the opportunity to talk through some of their issues.

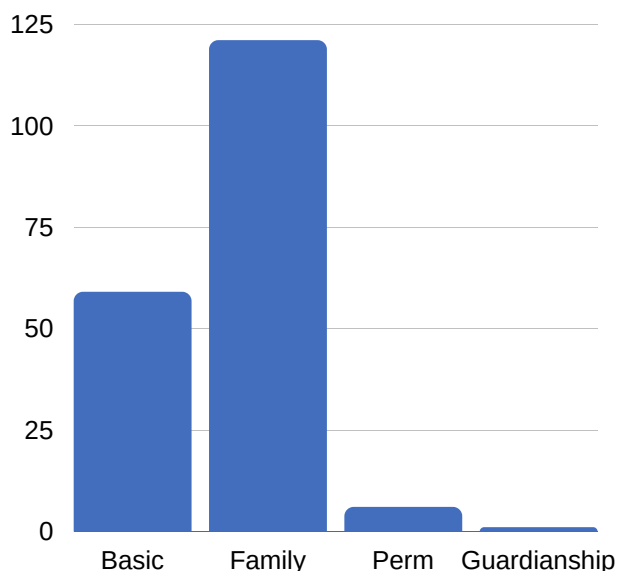
Melanie has been a volunteer mediator since 2019. She also shared some words of advice for new volunteers "Be patient and listen to the parties, because usually if you listen, the answers or agreements to their issues are buried in the information they give you."

Thank you Melanie for your hard work and dedication as a volunteer mediator! We appreciate you!

When and How to Caucus

This Month the free webinar to brush up your mediation skills is about caucusing with parties. This webinar has tips and tricks on when you should caucus and how you should caucus with parties in mediation.

The webinar is put on by the Early Settlement Mediation Director of the Tulsa Program, LeiLani Armstrong. LeiLani has been a director with the program for some time, so be sure to check your email to learn more about when and how to caucus!



Mediation Stats FY 2022

- **59 Basic Referrals**
○ 57 Mediated
- **121 Family/Divorce Referrals**
○ 82 Mediated
- **6 Permanency Referrals**
○ 6 Mediated
- **1 Guardianship Referral**
○ 1 Mediated

TOTAL: 187 Referrals
144 Cases Mediated

*These numbers are for July 2021- January 2022.

Agreement Info:

- **57 Basic Cases Mediated**
○ 30 Agreements
- **82 Family Cases Mediated**
○ 49 Agreements
- **6 Permanency Cases Mediated**
○ 4 Agreements
- **1 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
○ 0 Agreements

TOTAL: 144 Cases Mediated
71 Agreements

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



In Memory of Jay

Jay Scott Brown passed away on January 29, 2022. Jay had been a volunteer mediation since 1999. He also served of the Dispute Advisory Board for some time. Jay especially loved to mediate challenging cases, especially permanency mediations. His impact on people in the East Central area of Oklahoma is immense. He will be greatly missed.