

EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC



IMPORTANT DATES:

**OFFICE CLOSED-
JANUARY 17, 2022- MLK
JR. DAY**

**FAMILY & DIVORCE
TRAINING- JANUARY
10-13, 2022**

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



Patty Johnson

Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month- Patty Johnson

by Jorjia Cash, Director

Patty Johnson has been selected as our volunteer of the Month for January 2022! Patty has been an early settlement mediator since around 1993.

She became a volunteer mediator thanks to encouragement from a friend, Don Smith. Mr. Smith was a DHS county director. She completed Family and Divorce training thanks to the encouragement of the East Central Program Director at the time, Kathy King.

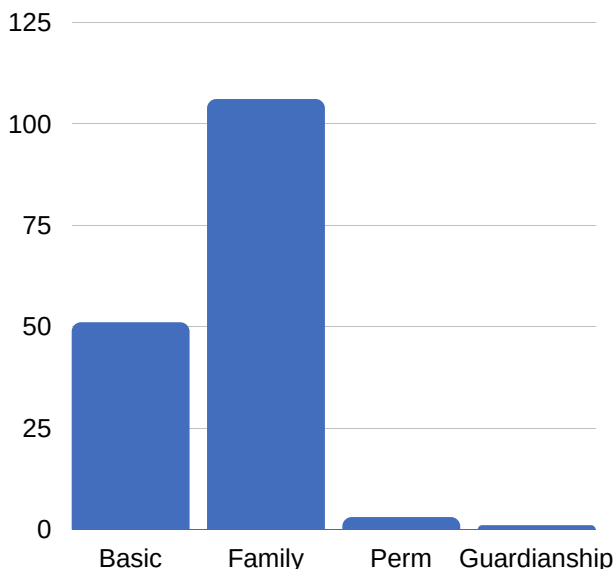
Patty says she "believes in using my volunteer time and efforts in meaningful and impactful activities" and she felt that Early Settlement Mediation surpasses that criteria. She finds it rewarding to have the opportunity to help facilitate the movement of those in conflict towards clarifying the issues and their focus toward the future.

On behalf of the East Central Program, I want to thank Patty for being such a wonderful part of the program. For more information about Patty, check your emails for her Volunteer of the month Interview!

Intro to Peer Mediation

Have you heard about our Peer Mediation Program? If not, this month's webinar might be for you to look at it! The Peer mediation program works with Oklahoma Schools to help teach students basic mediation skills.

Greg Foster, the Director of the Peer Resolution for Oklahoma Students, has designed this webinar. Please check your inbox for instructions on how to view this new webinar!



Mediation Stats FY 2022

- **51 Basic Referrals**
 - 48 Mediated
- **106 Family/Divorce Referrals**
 - 72 Mediated
- **3 Permanency Referrals**
 - 3 Mediated
- **1 Guardianship Referral**
 - 1 Mediated

TOTAL: 161 Referrals
124 Cases Mediated

*These numbers are for July-December 2021.

Agreement Info:

- **48 Basic Cases Mediated**
 - 27 Agreements
- **72 Family Cases Mediated**
 - 42 Agreements
- **3 Permanency Cases Mediated**
 - 2 Agreements
- **1 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
 - 0 Agreements

TOTAL: 124 Cases Mediated
71 Agreements

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



Thank you to the volunteers who were able to make our meet-up in December in Shawnee, Oklahoma. We hope that we can do an additional meet-up later in 2022. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season!