

# EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

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



IMPORTANT DATES:

**BASIC MEDIATION  
TRAINING 1/30-1/31  
IN SHAWNEE, OK**

**VOLUNTEER  
CONFERENCE- APRIL 28,  
2023 IN OKC**

**BASIC TRAINING FOR  
ECU STUDENTS- TBD  
SPRING 2023**



**Mary Garber**

Volunteer of the Month

## Volunteer of the Month- Mary Garber

*by Jorjia Cash, Director*

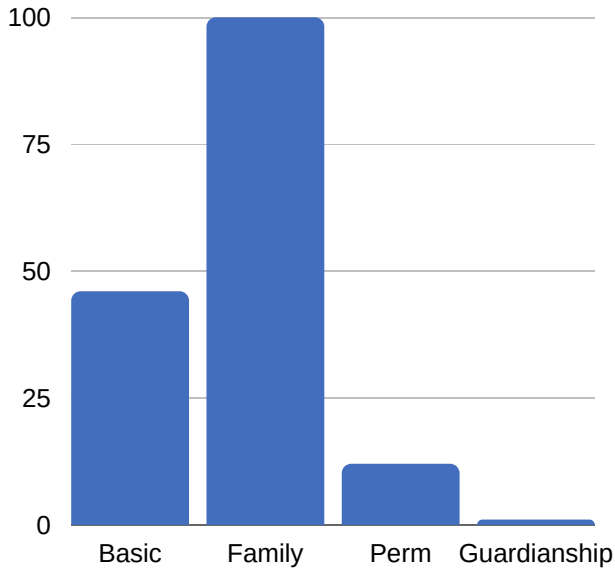
Mary Garber is the volunteer of the month for January 2023. Mary is certified in Basic and Family Mediation. She also has participated in a number of virtual mediations in our office!

Mary's favorite type of case to mediate is when both parties "have already resigned to getting something settled, and there's not any outrageous expectations."

She wanted to encourage new volunteer mediators by telling them "to not be discouraged when a case isn't totally or partially settled. Remain positive, encouraging and with experience, (and the right parties), settlement will occur".

Mary has completed over 125 volunteers hours since becoming an early settlement volunteer. She mostly serves Pontotoc County and the surrounding areas.

To learn more about Mary, be sure to check your email for her full interview. On behalf of the East Central Program, thank you for being willing to serve your community!



## Mediation Stats FY 2023:

- **46 Basic Referrals**
  - 45 Mediated
- **100 Family/Divorce Referrals**
  - 68 Mediated
  - 71 Sessions
- **12 Permanency Referrals**
  - 10 Mediated
- **1 Guardianship Referral**
  - 1 Mediated

**TOTAL: 159 Referrals**  
124 Cases Mediated

\*These numbers are for July - December 2022.

## Agreement Info:

- **45 Basic Cases Mediated**
  - 22 Agreements
- **68 Family Cases Mediated**
  - 51 Agreements
- **10 Permanency Cases Mediated**
  - 6 Agreements
- **1 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
  - 0 Agreements

**TOTAL: 124 Cases Mediated**  
79 Agreements

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

**40TH ANNIVERSARY  
EARLY SETTLEMENT MEDIATION**

**VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR  
CONFERENCE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH  
WHITEWATER BOATHOUSE  
OKLAHOMA CITY**

Save  
the date



Early Settlement Mediation  
East Central Program

# Welcome

## ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

Laura McClain

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Judge McClain had her first small claims docket on 1/10/23. Pictured with her are volunteer mediators Angela White and Jana Wakefield

GARVIN COUNTY