

EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC



IMPORTANT DATES:

**JORJIA OUT OF OFFICE-
JULY 17-21, 2023 ON
ANNUAL LEAVE**

**FAMILY/DIVORCE
TRAINING: 8/7 - 8/10/23
IN NORMAN, OK**

**CHILD PERMANENCY
MEDIATION VIRTUAL
TRAINING- 8/25/2023**



Mike Hawkins

Volunteer of the Month

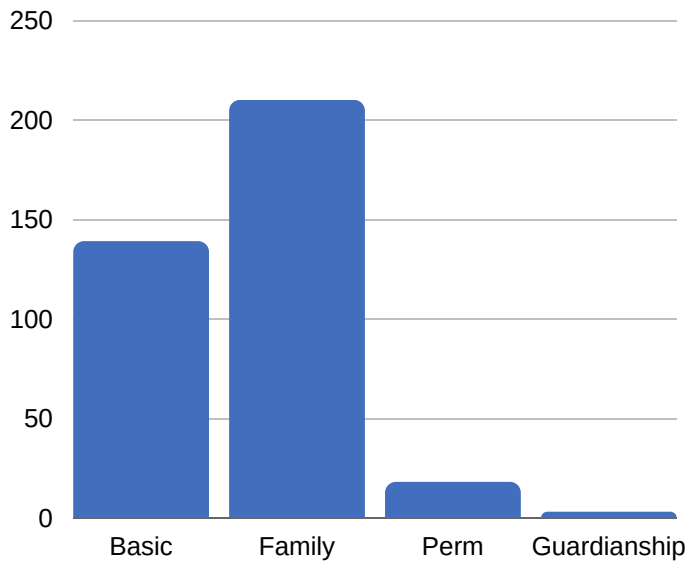
Volunteer of the Month- Mike Hawkins

by Jorjia Cash, Director

Mike Hawkins is the volunteer mediator of the Month for July 2023! Mike has been a volunteer mediator for over 3 years. He originally attended basic mediation training online during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mike is certified in Basic and Family Mediation. He has volunteered over 240 hours during his time as a mediator. Mike mostly serves Pottawatomie County, but has helped out a few of the surrounding counties from time to time.

Mike says that two things come to mind that he learned in mediation training. "If children are involved, I nearly always use the bridge over a raging river illustration used by one of the instructors in the F&D training. It encourages parties to build a strong bridge between them so it's safe for their children to traverse through their lives. The second tool I like to use I learned at this year's Boathouse training. (Offer/Question/Yes, No, Let me think about that. Counteroffer...). Both of these seem to set the stage for a constructive conversation."

To learn more about Mike, please read the Volunteer of the Month Interview in your email inbox. On behalf of the Early Settlement Mediation Program, thank you for your hard work Mike!



Mediation Stats FY 2023:

- **139 Basic Referrals**
 - 135 Mediated
- **210 Family/Divorce Referrals**
 - 147 Mediated
 - 151 Sessions
- **18 Permanency Referrals**
 - 16 Mediated
- **3 Guardianship Referral**
 - 3 Mediated

TOTAL: 370 Referrals
301 Cases Mediated

*These numbers are for July 2022 - June 2023



Agreement Info:

- **135 Basic Cases Mediated**
 - 72 Agreements
- **147 Family Cases Mediated**
 - 103 Agreements
- **16 Permanency Cases Mediated**
 - 10 Agreements
- **3 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
 - 2 Agreements

TOTAL: 301 Cases Mediated
187 Agreements

*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement. Numbers are for July 2022- June 2023



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