## EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

The latest news and updates from Early Settlement Mediation-EC

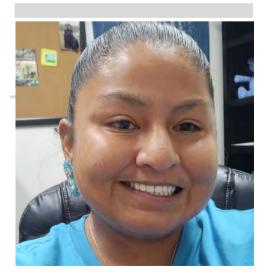


IMPORTANT DATES:

SUMMER HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO 5:30 PM

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

JC OUT OF OFFICE- 6/15 TO 6/19/23 & 6/28-6/30/23 ANNUAL LEAVE



Melanie Andrews Volunteer of the Month

## Volunteer of the Month-Melanie Andrews

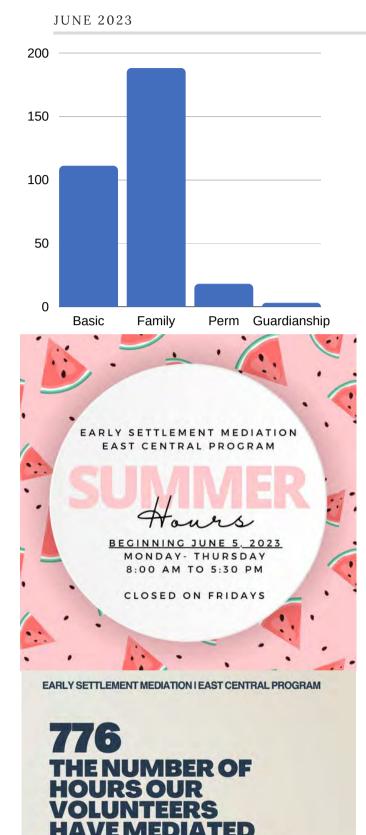
by Jorjia Cash, Director

Melanie Andrews is our volunteer of the month for June 2023. Melanie is certified in Basic Mediation and has attended the Family/Divorce Training. She mostly serves the Seminole and Hughes County areas. Melanie has completed over 170 volunteer hours during her time with Early Settlement Mediation.

Melanie has been a mediator since 2019. She said that she found the Family and Divorce Training really valuable to her current job. "I work as a full time child advocate for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the training I've received from Early Settlement Mediation has helped me get parents to agree to some sort of visitation schedule. I've also helped them work out holiday schedules".

When asked how she would handle a case that doesn't settle, Melanie said "I just let the parties know they may not like what a judge orders. But, if that's what they want I hand them back over to the Judge."

To learn more about Melanie, make sure to read her volunteer interview in our Monthly email! Thank you for all you do in your area Melanie!



JULY 2022- APRIL 2023

CALL 580-559-5674 TO LEAR N HOW YOU CAN BECOME A VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR!

## Mediation Stats FY 2023:

- 111 Basic Referrals
  - 108 Mediated
- 188 Family/Divorce Referrals
- 132 Mediated
  - 135 Sessions

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- 18 Permanency Referrals
  16 Mediated
- 3 Guardianship Referral
  - 3 Mediated

TOTAL: 320 Referrals 259 Cases Mediated

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\*These numbers are for July 2022 -May 2023

## **Agreement Info:**

•	108 Basic Cases Mediated
0	56 Agreements
•	132 Family Cases Mediated
0	93 Agreements
•	16 Permanency Cases Mediated
0	10 Agreements
•	3 Guardianship Cases Mediated
0	2 Agreements

TOTAL: 259 Cases Mediated 161 Agreements

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



Our Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Have a Safe Holiday!