

# EAST CENTRAL PROGRAM

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

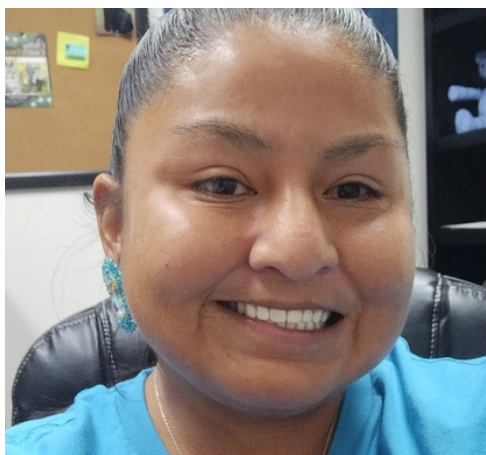


## IMPORTANT DATES:

**OFFICE CLOSED-  
JANUARY 15, 2024 - MLK  
JR. DAY**

**FAMILY TRAINING-  
1/9/24-1/12/24 AT OUT  
LAW IN NORMAN, OK**

**VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE-  
APRIL 26, 2024 IN OKC,  
OK**



**Melanie Andrews**

Volunteer of the Month

## Volunteer of the Month- Melanie Andrews

*by Jorjia Cash, Director*

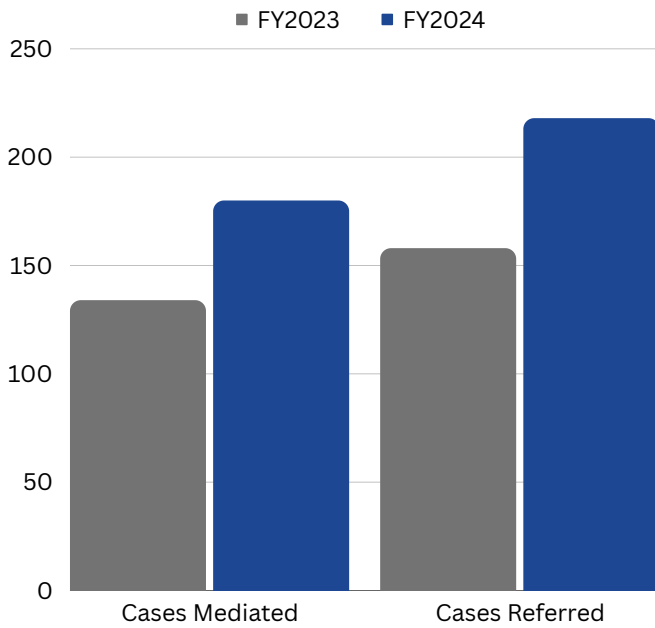
Melanie has been a volunteer mediator since 2019. Melanie has volunteered nearly 200 hours since 2019. Melanie mostly volunteers in the Seminole County and Hughes County Area.

Melanie has attended Basic, Family and Permanency Mediation Training. She is certified in Basic Mediation and is working on certification in Family and Child Permanency.

Out of the trainings she has attended, she found the Family and Child Permanency Training most helpful. She is Child Advocate for the Seminole Nation Tribe, and those trainings were invaluable to her.

For Fun, Melanie likes to watch her children in their various extra-curricular activities. Melanie says that her children are her world, so anything with them is fun!

On behalf of the East Central Program I want to thank Melanie for being such a dedicated volunteer mediator and making her community more peaceful around her!



## Mediation Stats FY 2024:

- **83 Basic Referrals**
  - 81 Mediated
- **120 Family/Divorce Referrals**
  - 86 Mediated
  - 86 Sessions
- **12 Permanency Referrals**
  - 11 Mediated
- **3 Guardianship Referral**
  - 2 Mediated

**TOTAL: 218 Referrals**  
180 Cases Mediated

\*These numbers are for July- December 2023



## Agreement Info:

- **81 Basic Cases Mediated**
  - 49 Agreements
- **86 Family Cases Mediated**
  - 60 Agreements
- **11 Permanency Cases Mediated**
  - 6 Agreements
- **2 Guardianship Cases Mediated**
  - 2 Agreements

**TOTAL: 180 Cases Mediated**  
117 Agreements

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



We had a Hybrid Basic Mediation Training on December 1, 2023 in Pauls Valley, OK. Special Thank you to Associate State Director Lauren O'Brien for helping out!

Special Thank you to the Nora Sparks Warren Library for Hosting us!