

VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR NEWSLETTER

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May 2025



Important Dates

- May 26, 2026- Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- Summer Hours Begin June 2025 (Closed Fridays though July)
- JC Out of Office- June 16-18, 2025
- Office Closed- Juneteenth- June 19-20, 2025
- Hybrid Family Training- Modoc Tribe- July 17, 2025

Ron Faulk- Volunteer of the Month- May FY2025

Congratulations to Ron Faulk on being selected as the East Central Program volunteer of the month for May 2025.

Ron has been a volunteer mediator since 2017. He is certified in Basic, Family and Child Permanency Mediations. Ron is located in Pottawatomie County. He often can be found mediating family/divorce issues in Shawnee and Seminole. For the current Fiscal Year (2025) Mike has a 80% success rate of getting agreements. He has volunteered over 50 hours for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal year.

Be sure to check out his volunteer of the month interview in your email!



Volunteer of the Month
Ron Faulk
May FY2025

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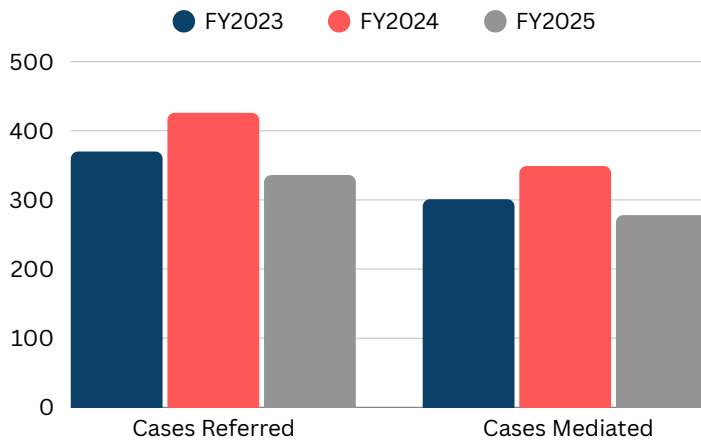


Graduation + Judge Swearing IN Ceremony

May has been extremely busy. We attended Judge Christopher Anderson's Swearing in Ceremony in Seminole, Oklahoma. Judge Anderson has been appointed to be the Associate District Judge for Seminole County. He's been a long time supporter of ESM and we look forward to continue working with him.

Special Shout out to Certified Mediator Cati McGee who is graduating from ECU on May 10, 2025. Cati has been a volunteer for 3 years. She's attending Law School at OCU in the Fall of 2025!

Program Statistics



Case No. Breakdown

- 103 Basic Referrals
 - 99 Mediated
- 209 Family/Divorce Referrals
 - 162 Mediated
 - 163 Sessions
- 23 Permanency Referrals
 - 16 Mediated
- 1 Guardianship Referrals
 - 1 Mediated

TOTAL: 336 Referrals
278 Cases Mediated

*All Case Information are numbers that have been reported from July 2024- April 2025

Agreement Information:

- 99 Basic Cases Mediated
 - 56 Agreements
- 162 Family Cases Mediated
 - 114 Agreements
- 16 Permanency Cases Mediated
 - 12 Agreements
- 1 Guardianship Cases Mediated
 - 1 Agreements

TOTAL: 278 Cases Mediated
183 Agreements

*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement. Numbers are for July 2024-April 2025

Volunteer Mediator Conference 2025

On May 2, 2025 Early Settlement Mediation programs from across the state gathered for our annual Volunteer Mediator Conference in OKC, OK.

We had over 150 people in attendance. It was great getting to network with volunteers across the state of Oklahoma!



East Central Program Volunteer of the Year

Mary has been a volunteer mediator for Early Settlement Mediation for 5 years. She resides in Pontotoc County with her Husband John Garber. She is retired and enjoys reading (participating in couples' book club). She has 6 children and is blessed with 13 grandchildren. Her grand children's ages range from 3 months to 21 years old. Mary also is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is very active in her parish community.

Mary became a volunteer mediator in January 2020, but was forced to pause her training due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mary has been a huge asset to the East Central Program, as she often travels to multiple counties for our program. She can often be found in Pottawatomie, Pontotoc, Garvin, Coal and Seminole Counties assisting with mediations. Mary has also assisted with recruiting new volunteer mediators in our program area.

Thank you so much for volunteer to make your local communities more peaceful!

Volunteer of the Year- Mary Garber

