

Early Settlement Southeast

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Back to the grind!

Hey everybody! It's been awhile since I have sent a newsletter; as you already know small claims cases have drastically reduced the last year and even more so the last 6 months & there just hasn't been much to notify the group about. With that said, many of the courthouses are lifting restrictions and opening dockets back up to the public with few guidelines. Many judges are requesting that volunteers begin attending the small claims docket, even with the possibility that the renter's moratorium is extended. If you are interested/available to attend dockets, please email me and let me know your availability!



Child Permanency Training

An online Child Permanency Training will be held on April 8th, 2021 at 1:00pm-5:00pm. You must have attended both Basic and Family trainings to attend the training. The primary focus of the training will be on the Child Welfare System and how to address not only for the children's interests, but the family as a whole.

If you have not yet completed certification for Basic and Family and are wanting to complete the Child Permanency Training, we are going to record the training so that you can view it at your own convenience when the time comes!

Part-time coordinator Colleen resigns

It is with a very heavy heart that Colleen is resigning from her part-time position in Idabel. Colleen has had to make a decision that best benefits her and her family at this time.

She has been a blessing to this program by providing the community and the courts with her mediation skillset & heart. She has built great relationships with the judges and attorneys in the counties she served. She will be missed, but we wish her and her family all the best!





Welcome, Rhonda!

If you haven't heard already, we hired a part-time intake worker in McAlester! Rhonda worked for DOC for many years before retiring. She was hired in late October as the intake worker and I am so thrilled to have her on our team! Rhonda is very knowledgeable in the field and will be a tremendous asset the program, not only as an administrator but a mediator to the community and courts as well!

Rhonda's office is located in the Law Library which is in the same suite as my office. She will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays, if you get the chance to swing by and say hi and welcome her!

Volunteer HIGHLIGHT

I'd like to take a moment and highlight a volunteer who has been consistently available through the trials and tribulations of the past year. **TOM LACKEY** continues to show up for small claims and is currently working towards Family Certification whenever there is a chance. His love and enthusiasm for helping people is NON-STOP! I just want to say a big **THANK YOU** for all your time and participation in uplifting the communities you serve. Thank you for choosing Early Settlement to spread your love!

