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## **Early Settlement** Mediation

The latest news and updates from the Southeast Program



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**NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR IN IDABEL** 

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#### **NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR BECKY GOING**

by Sara Northcutt, Director

Rebecca "Becky" Going has been hired as Early Settlement Southeast's part-time office coordinator in Idabel. Her office is located at the McCurtain County Courthouse. Becky's position will cover Choctaw, McCurtain, and Pushmataha counties where she will recruit, train, and certify community volunteer mediators.



Becky has lived in Houchatown the majority of her life and is a retired substitute teach and outreach worker for rural communities. Her ties and interest in her community will be a major asset to the program! Becky says "I enjoy figuring out what motivates people, finding common ground and getting things done."

We are so happy to have Becky join our team!

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### **Volunteer Highlight:**

#### Cristal Joslin

RETIRED SUPERINTENDENT/MEDIATOR BROKEN BOW

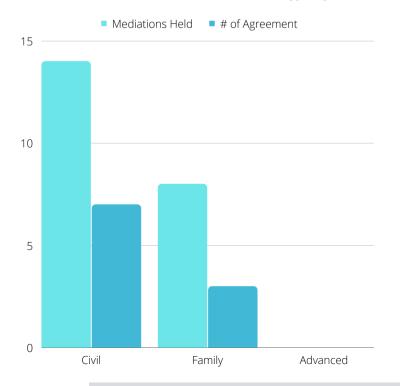
Welcome out newest volunteer mediator, Cristal! Cristal is originally from Texas where she retired as a superintendent and.. a mediator where her expertise covered areas of probate, family law, and educational law. Cristal lives in Broken Bow and has completed both Civil and Family trainings and received her certification in both this month!



Cristal says that "mediation provides an opportunity for both parties to take back some control of the situation and be heard without the formality of the court room setting. I want those who cannot afford the services to have an opportunity to utilize the services. I want to give back to my community and serve those who need the assistance. Mediation is a valuable tool to settle a wide variety of disputes and can unclog our over worked court systems, especially with the back-log that has been created by COVID."

We are so excited to have Cristal join our team and make a difference in the communities of SE OK!

# FY 2023 CASE STATISTICS & AGREEMENT INFO



BASIC
14 Referred
11 Held
7 Agreements

FAMILY 8 Referred 5 Held 3 Agreements

#### <u>ADVANCED</u>

- Referred
  - Held
- Agreements

\*Numbers are for the month of July 2022
\*Agreements are cases that ended in full or partial agreement