

## 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Adams County & Broomfield County)

### Mediation Resources

Mediation is a voluntary, problem-solving process assisted by a neutral third party. The basic premise of mediation is that the parties involved in a dispute are best able to resolve the dispute. In addition, parties are generally more satisfied with, and have greater ownership in, solutions which they have a role in creating. Even if total resolution of a dispute is not accomplished through mediation, the process can assist parties to identify the underlying reasons for the dispute, narrow and clarify the issues, and discover areas of common ground where potential for agreement may exist.

**Prepare a pre-conference statement (called a confidential settlement statement) 10 days before the scheduled mediation.** The pre-conference statement should include:

- A list of issues you want to resolve during mediation.
- Identify your needs and interest in relation to these issues.
- Write down or list your understanding of the needs and interests of other parties.
- Bring to the mediation session copies of any court orders, financial documents, and other information pertaining to the dispute.

If child support is an issue, documentation of income and a completed Financial Affidavit will be needed by the mediator.

**In Mandatory Mediation for Domestic Relations Cases, if parties cannot agree on a provider, then mediation must occur through ODR.**

**Mediation Options for Pre/Post Dissolution of Marriage, District Civil and Probate, County Civil and Small Claims:**

- **Early Neutral Assessment (ENA):** contact your Family Court Facilitator (list attached). The cost of ENA is \$400 per party for one session (maximum of four hours). Payment assistance is available. Click on link to view [ENA Video on YouTube](#) . *Early Neutral Assessment services for parties with unresolved issues regarding children only.*
- **The Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR):** go to [www.coloradoODR.org](http://www.coloradoODR.org) or click on the link to view and schedule mediation: [Mediators in Adams & Broomfield Counties](#) or call (720) 625-5940. ODR refers parties to mediation services that cost \$60 per party/per hour, with a minimum of 2 hours. *Mediation for parties with unresolved issues regarding children and property/debt.*

To request payment assistance, obtain a JDF211 form and return that completed form to ODR at [odrmediations@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:odrmediations@judicial.state.co.us), (720) 625-5933 (fax), or 1300 Broadway, Suite 1200 Denver, CO 80203 (mail only, no walk-ins).

Click on link for: [Reduced Fee Application Form Instructions](#)

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- A **private mediator**: for a list of mediators, please visit: [Mediation Association of Colorado \(the MAC\)](#) or click on the link to search for a mediator: [Search for a Mediator](#) or call (303) 322-9275. Pricing varies.