

What Types of Issues Can Parent-Child/Pre-PINS Mediation Address?

Parent-Child / Pre-PINS Mediation can address many family issues, including:

- Curfew.
- Peer Relationships.
- Discipline.
- Girlfriend/Boyfriend Difficulties.
- Household Responsibilities.
- Anti-Social Behavior.
- School Problems.
- Step-Child/Step-Parent Problems.
- Single-Parent Concerns.

Who is Eligible?

Parents and children between 9 and 18 years of age are eligible for Parent-Child Mediation.

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Parent—Child Mediation: A Family Guide

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Parent-Child Mediation

Mediation is a process that will help you and your child talk to each other.

A mediator is a neutral person who does not take sides or make decisions for you.

You will meet with your mediator at least two times so that you can develop a better understanding of the problem. Your mediation will be confidential— between you and your child.

At the end of each mediation session, you will create an agreement that you both will work to keep. Each time you meet, you will review your agreement to figure out what needs to be added or changed; or if the agreement is good the way it is.

The decision is in *your* hands.



Why Does Parent-Child Mediation Work?

Research shows that mediation:

- Addresses the true nature of the problem, not just troubling behavior.
- Keeps you focused by working on one problem at a time.
- Encourages you to support each other.
- Motivates families to *share* in the problem *and* its solution.
- Teaches parents and children how to become partners in problem solving.

Parent-Child Mediation Helps You:

- Communicate effectively and meaningfully.
- Learn to listen to each other.
- Learn how to solve conflict together as a family.
- Avoid out of home placement of the child.
- Address the “bigger” picture, not just the presenting problem.

Call for an appointment.

Other Important Mediation Facts

- Mediated solutions are often more effective than those reached in court.
- The deep bond between families motivates you to try to solve the problem.
- Families are often the best candidates for mediation *because* of this strong bond.

The biggest motivator is keeping the family unit together.

Mediation is:

- Neutral.
- Voluntary.
- Driven by the parties.
- Eases Communication.
- Empowering.
- Confidential.

Try Mediation! It Works!

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