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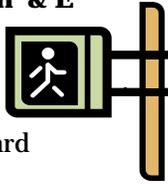
D.C. Superior Court  
515 5th Street, N.W.

**Building “A” Room 114**

**Directions:**

**Walking — Corner of 5th & E**

- ◆ Walk towards 4th & F Street
- ◆ Make a left into courtyard
- ◆ Entrance to building A is located at the center of building.



**Metro—Red Line**

- ◆ To Judiciary Square.
- ◆ Take Building Museum Exit.
- ◆ Turn Left off escalator.
- ◆ Building A is directly to the left.

**Who Are the Mediators?**

Child protection mediators are volunteers from the community or court staff who have received a minimum of 65 hours of specialized training in the area of child welfare mediation.

To remain in excellent standing with the program mediators must pass periodic performance evaluations and attend additional trainings annually.

Mediators do not to take sides, make judgments, or make recommendations. Their role is to help identify the issues, generate options and work with everyone to come to an agreement.

**For More Information Contact**

**The Child Protection Mediation Program**

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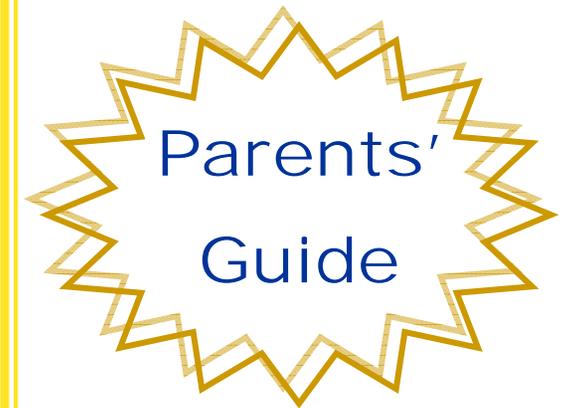
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**Child Protection  
Mediation**



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## Come To Mediation

It is your opportunity to:

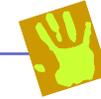
- ◆ Talk about how this case has affected your family.
- ◆ Ask questions about your case.
- ◆ Hear the thoughts of everyone involved in your case.
- ◆ Have direct input into services you want for your family.
- ◆ Have a say in how you would like this case resolved.

### What is Child Protection Mediation?

Child protection mediation is a court ordered meeting where you and your attorney can sit in an informal confidential setting and talk to the other attorneys, and social workers about your case with the help of a mediator.

## Day of Mediation

1. Allow at least **3 hours** for mediation.
2. Report to Building A, room 114 for check-in.
3. When all parties are present you will be escorted to a private mediation room.
4. Your mediator will introduce everyone and explain the goals and process of mediation.
5. During mediation everyone is allowed time to talk and ask questions about what is important to him or her.
6. If the case is resolved by agreement, all participants (except mediator) go directly to the courtroom for the Judge to approve. (approximately **2** additional hours)
7. If the case is not resolved all participants (except mediator) will return to court on the next scheduled date.



## Successful Mediation Tips

- ◆ Arrive 15 minutes early.
- ◆ Do not bring children.
- ◆ Eat before mediation.
- ◆ Bring a snack.
- ◆ Talk with your attorney.
- ◆ Dress comfortably.
- ◆ Rest the night before.



### After Mediation

#### You Will Know

- ◆ How your children are doing.
- ◆ When you can see your children.
- ◆ What services are needed for you and your children.
- ◆ Where your children will live until they are returned to you.
- ◆ What you need to do to have your children returned.
- ◆ What will happen next in your case and who will help you.
- ◆ What your options are for resolving your case.