

Lane County Family Mediation
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Family Mediation provides a wide range of services to prevent, reduce, and resolve family conflict and to promote healthy family interactions.

MEDIATION

Mediation is an informal and confidential way for participants to discuss differences and resolve disputes with the help of a neutral professional. The mediator does not decide who is right or wrong. Instead, the mediator helps participants reach their own agreements.

Custody and Parenting Time Mediation for Parents with Court Actions

- What:** Parenting plan mediation (custody, parenting time, parenting guidelines)
Who: Parents who have a pending domestic relations case in Lane County
How: Prior to mediating, both parents attend the Focus on Children class (see below)
Cost: *No charge* for one, three-hour appointment; additional 90-minute sessions at \$150

Custody and Parenting Time Mediation for Parents without Court Actions

- What:** Parenting plan mediation (custody, parenting time, parenting guidelines)
Who: Parents who do not have a pending domestic relations case
How: Prior to mediating, both parents attend the Focus on Children class (see below)
Cost: *No charge* for one, 90-minute appointment; additional 90-minute sessions at \$150

Domestic Relations Financial Mediation (Limited)

- What:** Support (child, spousal) and personal property, debts (no real property, spousal support, retirement, or business issues)
Who: Parties with or without a pending domestic relations case in Lane County. At least one parent must be receiving SNAP benefits
How: If minor children are involved, parents may schedule financial mediation upon completion of custody and parenting time mediation. If no minor children are involved, parties email our office directly
Cost: \$150 per 90-minute session

Open Adoption Mediation

- What:** Contact between an adopted child and birth parent(s)
Who: Birth parent(s) and adoptive parent(s)
How: If participants have an active, DHS child-welfare case, a request is made to DHS. If DHS is not involved, participants email our office directly
Cost: DHS covers mediation fees for those with an active DHS case. Otherwise, \$150 per 90-minute session

Probate Mediation

- What:** Estates, guardianships (adult and minor), conservatorships (adult and minor), trusts
Who: Lane County residents
How: If there is an active Lane County court case, then by court order. If the court is not involved, participants email our office directly
Cost: \$150 per 90-minute session

OTHER SERVICES

Focus on Children

- What:** Three-hour class required by Lane County Circuit Court for all parents in domestic relations court cases. Class attendance satisfies court requirement to attend mediation orientation. To mediate a parenting plan with Family Mediation, parents must first attend this class
- Who:** Parents with or without a pending domestic relations case in Lane County
- How:** Register online (www.lanecounty.org/mediation), in person, or by mail
- Cost:** \$60 per person

Family Check-Up

- What:** Evidence- and strength-based family assessment to look at family functioning, support parenting strengths, and identify areas in need of attention. There are three 90-minute sessions. Children attend the 2nd session only.
- Who:** Trillium Community Health members
- How:** Parents call our office directly
- Cost:** Parents receive \$150 in gift cards for attending all three sessions

Supervised Parenting Time (Visitation)

- What:** Court-ordered, face-to-face contact between a parent and child. All sessions take place within sight and sound of a qualified staff member
- Who:** Parents with a Lane County Circuit Court order for supervised parenting time
- How:** Both parents call our office to schedule separate, in-person orientations
- Cost:** \$50 for the supervised parent's orientation and for each parenting time session (A fee reduction may be available to those receiving SNAP benefits.) The residential parent pays no fees.

Custody and Parenting Time Evaluations

- What:** When parents cannot agree on a custody or parenting time arrangement, an evaluator may be ordered (by stipulation or by the court's own motion) to conduct an evaluation and make a recommendation as to custody and parenting time, based on the best interests of the child(ren).
- Who:** Residents of Lane County with a court order for a custody study
- How:** Email copy of court order to initiate service
- Cost:** \$1,200

Mediation Training

Family Mediation also offers the following trainings on a recurring basis: Basic Mediation (30 hours), Court-System (6 hours), and Domestic Relations Custody and Parenting (40 hours). These trainings are required by the Oregon Judicial Departments (OJD) for court-connected mediators). Family Mediation also offers Probate Mediation Training (15 hours).