

What is
MEDIATION?

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential alternative for parties involved in a dispute. Trained mediators will guide parties through an informal process that helps those involved identify the issues and generate their own resolutions. The goal is to assist parties in developing win-win solutions. Mediators are neutral and do not take sides or tell you what to do.

*Mediation is
voluntary,
confidential
and FREE*



The Harford County Community Mediation Commission was established in 1995 to provide citizens with an effective and efficient process to resolve disputes through mediation. The Commission is comprised of 15 members, appointed by the County Executive, and the Community Mediation Coordinator.

For more information please contact the
Harford County
Community Mediation Program
at 410-638-4807
or visit
www.harfordmediation.org

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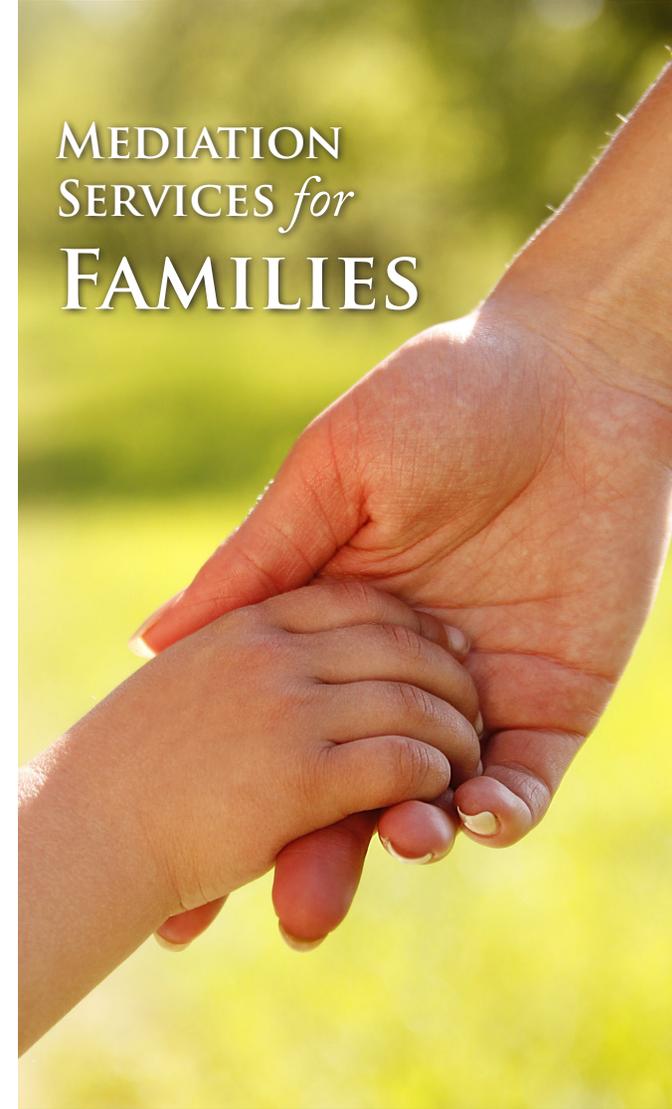
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Promoting Peaceful Alternatives



**MEDIATION
SERVICES** *for*
FAMILIES



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Mediation Services for Caregivers

Helping caregivers create a parenting plan they can use if and when, they feel stuck and need help resolving topics concerning their child or children. Make a plan about such topics as like childcare, living arrangements or other topics important to you for the best interest of your child.

What is Parenting Plan Mediation?

Where caregivers can discuss and together write a plan about topics regarding their child or children such as living arrangements, timesharing; in a neutral, nonjudgmental setting.

How do I use this service and what is the cost?

Just call the HCCMP office. An intake worker will determine if your conflict is appropriate for mediation. If you would like to try mediation, the HCCMP intake worker will contact other party and invite them to attempt mediate. The cost is free.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead



Benefits of Mediation

- You will work together for the best interest for you child and or children.
- Provide an alternative to litigation.
- Will take place in a Neutral setting convenient to the participants.
- You identify and find solutions to topics you need an agreement for.
- Develop a working parenting plan to meet your current and future needs.
- This is a voluntary and confidential free service.

Who are the Mediators and what do they do?

- The mediators are highly trained volunteers who represent the diversity of the community they serve.
- Mediators listen, help clarify issues and guide you through a process to develop solutions.
- Mediators do not take sides, make judgments or tell you what to do.

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