

ALL ABOUT

MEDIATION

What is mediation?

If you and your spouse or partner need help discussing and resolving issues, a **mediator** can help.



Mediators don't take sides



Mediation helps people reach agreements

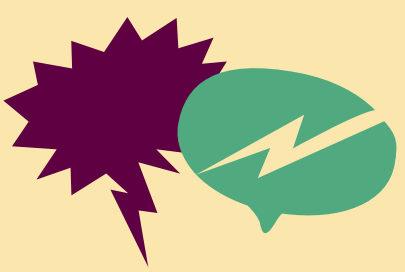


Mediation helps resolve issues out of court

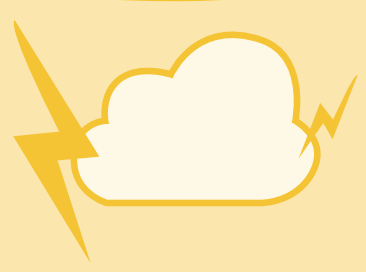


Everyone is heard. This can include your children.

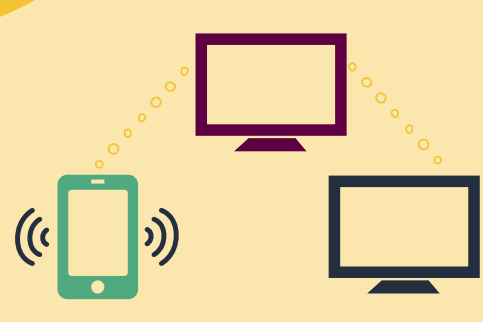
Tailored to your family's needs



For people who don't communicate well



For families where there's an imbalance of power or safety concerns

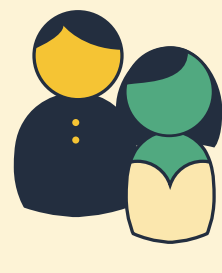
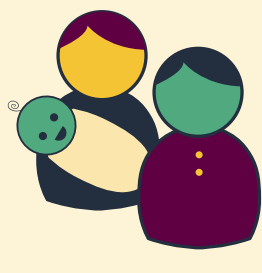
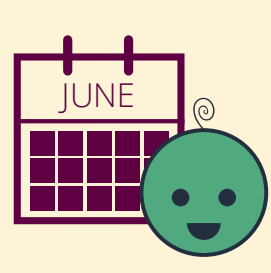


Different types of mediation — you don't have to be in the same room



Bring in support person, lawyer, or specialist

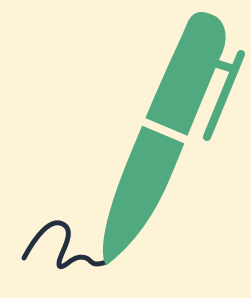
For all types of families & issues



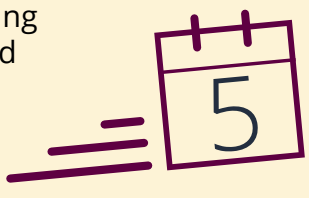
Effectiveness

76% of family mediations **resolve all issues**¹

17% **resolve some things** and help families move toward resolution¹



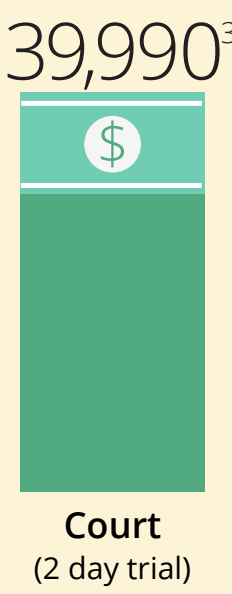
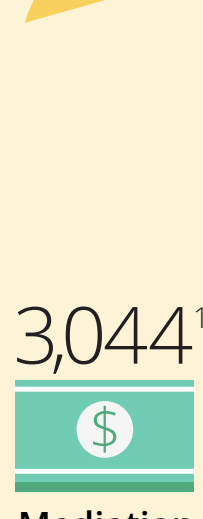
Legally binding once signed



resolve issues about five months **faster** than going through the courts²

Cost

(on average for both parties)



If you qualify

Healthier families



Confidential & safe



Tailored solutions — you get a say, rather than the court deciding for you



Going to court can increase conflict



Less stress — mediation resolves conflict

How to find a mediator

Family Justice Centres
www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/divorce/family-justice/who-can-help/family-justice-counsellors

Legal Aid BC
legalaid.bc.ca/legal_aid/mediation.php

Mediate BC
mediatebc.com



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Sources

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