

# M.A.R.C.H. Mediation Achieving Results for Children



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## Who can qualify for free M.A.R.C.H. services?

Parents who have never been married and parents who are divorced may be eligible for up to four hours of free mediation services. Parents may also be eligible for assistance in preparing paperwork necessary to have their agreement made into a court order.

"I felt this was a great alternative to the court system."

**Divorced or never married** parents please contact us for services.

To request services, please call or visit www.MarchMediation.org 1-800-595-9750



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#### What is Mediation?

Mediation is a confidential, down to earth way to resolve problems with the help of an impartial third party. It also helps parents find new ways to work with one another regarding their children.

"I want to say thanks for being there, thanks for the M.A.R.C.H. program, without all of you, I'm not sure my child would have ever got to see or get to know her father."

## What Are The Benefits of Mediation?

Parents have the control on what decisions are made regarding their children through mediation in a safe, open, and confidential environment. Mediation has proven less costly, both financially and emotionally, than going to court to resolve issues.

#### How Does it Work?

With the help of a mediator, parents look at options rather than arguing with each other. The mediator works with both parents to help them make decisions with confidence. Parents have phone, virtual, and in-person mediation options.

"Mediation was very helpful and has definitely helped my ex and I communicate better."

## What Can We Talk About in Mediation?

Parents can discuss any issues regarding their children. Some issues may include custody, time with the children, special or changing needs of children, child support, taxes, medical insurance, or even childcare. If an issue causes you concern, it may be addressed in mediation.



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M.A.R.C.H. mediations reach an agreement

#### Is it possible for us to agree?

Mediation is designed to focus on issues, not personal conflict. Even in the face of anger and hurt, it's possible for parents to come to an agreement that works for both parents and benefits their children.

"An almost impossible situation has become far more manageable and promising."



An average of 82%

of M.A.R.C.H. cases received free services in 2022.

