

MEDIATION ORIENTATION

Dear Petitioner/Respondent:

Pursuant to state law and local court rules, each individual involved in a dissolution, child custody or parenting time dispute is **required** to attend Mediation Orientation prior to their trial or hearing date. If your case has an Order For A Default Decree of Dissolution entered by the court you will not need to attend this orientation session.

The orientation process is designed to introduce couples to the process of mediation as an ongoing option to resolving issues of the divorce. A screening process, which determines whether Mediation is appropriate for the parties, is a part of the orientation process. This is done to ensure that if parties choose to mediation, the decision being made independent and non-coerced choice. Following the Mediation Orientation for parties with no minor children or after the required one mediation session for parties with minor children, participation in mediation is voluntary and must be a mutual decision by both parties.

The orientation session shall cover the following information:

- A definition of what mediation is.
- An overview as to why people are asked to consider mediation as an option to resolving differences.
- That participation in mediation is a voluntary choice made by each individual.
- The issues that need to be considered in making the choice to participate in mediation.
- Screening for domestic violence issues or coercive tactics by one of the parties involved in the divorce.
- A review of the mediation process and what people can expect.
- An outline of what the court has authorized in terms of number of sessions available, and what services are paid for through the court.
- A review of the issues of confidentiality within the mediation process.
- Risks that need to be considered if choosing mediation.

Orientation to Mediation will be presented as a one-hour class. Presentations shall be made by persons who have been authorized by the court to act as mediators.

Locations and contacts for classes:

Coos County:

Location: Coastal Center
125 W. Central Ave. Suite 290
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Contact: Coastal Center at (541) 267- 2113 to register

Curry County:

Location: Curry Circuit Court Curry County Courthouse Gold Beach, OR. 97444	or	Chetco Community Public Library 405 Alder Street Brookings, OR. 97415
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Contact: Circuit Court Clerk (541) 247-4511	Paul Pierson, Attorney At Law (541) 469-7487
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