



# 10 Reasons to Choose Mediation



## 1. Mediation is affordable.

The DRC's Mediation Program is affordable and is based on a sliding fee scale.

## 2. Mediation is fair and impartial.

Parties have an equal say in the process and they, not the mediator, decide the terms of the settlement. There is no determination of guilt or innocence in the process.

## 3. Mediation saves time and money.

Mediation works best when used early in a conflict, and many mediations are completed in one meeting.

## 4. Mediation is confidential.

Information disclosed during mediation will not be revealed to anyone.

## 5. Mediation avoids litigation.

Mediation costs less than a lawsuit – in time, money and emotional toll - and avoids the uncertainty of a judicial outcome.

## 6. Mediation fosters cooperation.

Mediation fosters a problem-solving approach for anyone in conflict that gets to the root of the issue to find true resolve for all parties.

## 7. Mediation improves communication.

Mediation provides a neutral and confidential setting in which the parties can openly discuss their views on the underlying dispute. Enhanced communication can lead to mutually satisfactory resolutions.

## 8. Mediation identifies underlying issues.

Parties share information, which can lead to a better understanding of issues affecting the relationship.

## 9. Mediation allows you to design your own solution.

An impartial third party assists the parties in reaching a voluntary, mutually beneficial resolution. Mediation can resolve all issues important to the parties, not just the underlying legal dispute.

## 10. Mediation works!

- 87% of those who used the DRC's mediation services in the past year reached full or partial agreement.
- 90% reported that it improved their situation.
- 99% said they would recommend mediation to others.

### Who Benefits From Mediation?

- Neighbors
- Tenants and landlords
- Homeowners facing foreclosure
- Employees and supervisors
- Work teams
- Business owners and their customers
- Divorcing couples
- Parents developing parenting plans
- Teens and their parents
- Elders, their families and caregivers



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