

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of Marin

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**FAMILY COURT SERVICES
MEDIATION PROGRAM**

(NOTE: This form must be served to both parties at the time the case is filed.)

Mandatory Orientation:

Before your initial mediation meeting, you must participate in Family Court Services Orientation. You can call Family Court Services at (415) 444-7090 to obtain an orientation booklet or view it online at:

www.marincourt.org/family_services.htm

Initial Mediation Meeting:

1. Family Court Services (FCS) will contact you by letter to set your initial mediation.
2. The goal of the initial mediation session will be to develop a co-parenting agreement.

If Agreement is Reached in Mediation:

1. The mediator will draft your agreement.
2. Parents sign the agreement.
3. The Judicial Officer signs the agreement and it becomes a court order.

If Agreement is Not Reached in Mediation:

1. The mediator will make a recommendation to the Court for a co-parenting agreement.
2. Parents attend the Order to Show Cause (OSC) hearing, set at the time of filing the motion.

OSC Hearing:

1. The Court will issue a tentative ruling the day before the hearing based on the information presented, including the FCS recommendations.
2. The Court will hear what both parents have to say about the FCS recommendations.
3. The Court may set a Judicial Settlement Conference.
4. The Court may schedule a custody trial in order to address outstanding issues.

Family Court Services requires a full copy of the Motion or OSC and Application for Order Supporting Declaration for custody and/or visitation upon filing of said motion. No other documents needed (e.g., income & expense declaration, support calculations).