

Superior Court of California, San Luis Obispo Family Court Services Intake Form

What is this form for? You and your child/children's other parent have been referred to Family Court Services for help with developing a parenting plan for your child or children. Professionals in family court services are trained as mediators and on other topics related to family court cases, including child development and domestic violence. The information collected on this form will be used to help the mediator decide how to best help you with your particular case. You will receive a written copy of the mediation outcome form the mediator provides to the court before the form goes to the court.

Mediation date: _____ Case #: _____ Next hearing date: _____

Your full name: _____ Other parent's name: _____

Your birth date: _____ Age: _____

*Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Employer: _____ How long? _____ Position: _____

Are you represented by an attorney in this case? (yes/no)
If yes, attorney contact info:

Children involved in this case

<u>First name</u>	<u>M.I.</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>School and grade</u>
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Who else lives in your home (and how are they related)? _____

Have you been to mediation with the other parent before? Yes No

Have you been to the co-parenting class (Children: the Challenge in Divorce) yet? Yes No

Please describe your current parenting schedule:

***PLEASE NOTE:** Listing your address on this form will not update your address in court records. To change your address with the court, you need to complete a *Notice of Change of Address or Other Contact Information* form (including the proof of service on page two) and file the form with the court. Family Court Services can provide you with a copy of the form upon request.

Related Cases: It is helpful to know if your family (you, the other parent, and children/child) has been involved or is involved in other court cases. If there are other cases related to this one, please let us know:

Child Welfare Services (CWS): Is there currently an open CWS investigation? Yes No Unsure

Detailed questions: Mediators need to know about your case so that your appointment is as helpful to you as possible. Please answer the following questions:

1. Have either you or the other parent said that there are concerns about family violence?

Yes No Not Sure

2. Has a request for a restraining order been filed within the last five years? Yes No

Is there a restraining order in place right now? ___Yes ___No

3. Do you have any concerns about **the safety of the child/children** when the child is with the other parent? Yes No If yes, the mediator will talk with you about your concerns, but is there anything you would like to briefly write to the mediator about this now?

_____ If yes,

4. Do you have any concerns about **your safety** around the other parent? Yes No If yes, the mediator will talk with you about your concerns, but is there anything you would like to briefly write to the mediator about this now?

5. Do you have any concerns about mediating (talking about your case and plans for parenting your children) with the other parent in the same room? Yes No

6. Please provide the following dates, if applicable, as well as you can estimate:

Date of marriage: _____

Dates lived together: _____

Date of separation: _____

Your case may be one where a "separate session" must be provided. If there are allegations or a history of domestic violence, or if there is a restraining order in your case, you have the right to speak with the mediator without the other party.

Are you asking for a separate session at this time? ___Yes ___No

Support Person (In person mediation) If a restraining order has been issued to protect you, a support person is allowed to go with you to any mediation session. However, the mediator may exclude a support person if the support person participates in the mediation, acts as an advocate, or if their being there interferes with mediation.

Substance abuse: Do you have concerns about drug or alcohol use or abuse by the other parent?

Yes No

Mental health concerns impacting child currently: If you have concerns about mental health issues in this case, please briefly describe:

Information about mediation: Parents who come to court about child custody and visitation face decisions about parenting plans for their children. A parenting plan describes how the parents will divide their responsibilities for taking care of their child after separating or divorcing. The plan may include a general or specific schedule of days, times, weekends, holidays, vacations, transportation, pick-up/drop-off, limits on travel, and other details. When the parties cannot agree to a parenting plan on their own, in mediation, or through other processes, the judge will decide.

What do you feel needs to be discussed in mediation?

(Check as many as applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child/ren's residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Time with each parent in school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday/Vacation time | <input type="checkbox"/> Authority/Decision-making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Child relationship | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision/Discipline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Creating peaceful communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child abuse, neglect | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Drug Abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Following the court's order(s) | |

Are there any other issues about your child or children you would like to discuss with the mediator?

Date

Signature

Confidentiality

Mediation sessions are private and the mediator may not share information from those sessions with just anybody. You should not assume information you share separately with the mediator may be kept confidential from the other party, however, you may tell the mediator if there is information you are providing that may put you at risk if it is shared.

What if we reach an agreement? Your agreement will be submitted to the court only after all parties (including their attorneys) have signed the document.

What information goes to the judge?

The mediator will inform the Court about whether the parties reached an agreement or not. If the parties do reach an agreement and it is signed by all parties, then the agreement will be submitted to the court. The mediator will not make a custody recommendation to the court or share any information with the court about what was discussed during the mediation.