

Purpose

Attendance mediation responds to the challenges of truancy. It aims to improve attendance by building communication between the family and school through mediation.

Attendance mediation brings together parents and teachers to identify underlying issues and develop ways in which they can work together to address these issues.

Research confirms that good attendance is critical to academic success. Students who are truant are more likely to drop out, become involved with the juvenile justice system, and become victims of crime. Moreover, patterns of truancy begin early and are highly predictive of future academic and social struggles.

Benefits

Mediation is early intervention for both chronic truancy and tardiness. There is growing evidence that repeated chronic truancy begins during a child's elementary years, and that truancy is highly predictive of future attendance problems.

During attendance mediations, mediators work with families and school representatives to identify and address the complex factors that cause truancy for that child. This builds the foundation for ongoing communication and collaboration between the family and the school throughout the year.

Attendance Mediation is offered **at no cost** as a service of the local community mediation center.

Mediation Centers Partner with Local Schools

The school or parent/guardian contacts the mediation center to request attendance mediation.

The mediation center then talks with the parent/guardian and the school to explain the process, complete intake, and establish a date and time. In addition, the center works with the school to identify a staff member to participate in the mediation.

What Attendance Mediations Looks Like

Attendance mediation is usually 1 hour long and takes place in the school building during school hours.

It is offered as an early intervention strategy, before absences or truancy have become chronic and negatively impact the student's performance.

This program is targeted at students in early grades. Sessions generally include the parent/guardian and teacher in elementary grades, and in middle school grades includes the parent/guardian, teacher, and student.

In mediation, families are often made aware of resources available to support them within the school and community.



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Attendance Mediation Program



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Who Are the Mediators?

Attendance mediators are highly trained community volunteers, staff and AmeriCorps members who represent the community's diversity and have received training on attendance and truancy.

Mediators do not have a relationship with the school or the parent. They will remain neutral and will not place blame, take sides, or make recommended actions.

Mediators listen deeply, without judgment, creating an opportunity for a dialogue in which everyone can be heard, and the parents and school can build a deeper relationship and understanding.

How Do I Request Attendance Mediation?

Both families and schools can request attendance mediation. Contact your local community mediation center (listed below) to make a request.

Community Mediation Centers in Maryland

Anne Arundel County

Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center
2666 Riva Road, #130 · Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 266-9033 · programs@aacrc.info
www.AACRC.info

Baltimore City

Baltimore City Mediation Center
3333 Greenmount Ave · Baltimore, MD 21218
(410) 467-9165
cmcoordinator1@communitymediation.org
www.CommunityMediation.org

Community Mediation Centers in Maryland, continued

Baltimore County

Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County
P.O. Box 1134 · Cockeysville, MD 21030
(443) 297-7897
mediation@crcbaltimorecounty.org
www.CRCBaltimoreCounty.org

Calvert County

Community Mediation Center - Calvert County
P.O. Box 1842 · Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(443) 295-7456 · calvertmediation@gmail.com
www.Calvert-Mediation.org

Caroline, Dorchester & Talbot Counties

Mid Shore Community Mediation Center
8626 Brooks Drive, #204 · Easton, MD 21601
(410) 820-5553 · info@midshoremmediation.org
www.MidShoreMediation.org

Carroll County

Carroll County Community Mediation
255 Clifton Blvd., #311 · Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 848-1764 · cccme@carrollcc.edu
www.CarrollCC.edu/Mediation

Cecil County

Cecil County Community Mediation Center
224 E Main Street, #110 · Elkton, MD 21921
(443) 207-5159 · info@cecilmmediation.org
www.cecilmmediation.org

Charles County

Charles County Mediation Center
at the College of Southern Maryland
8730 Mitchell Road, P.O. Box 910
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 539-4689 · mediation@csmd.edu
www.CSMD.edu/Community/Mediation

Harford County

Harford County Community Mediation Program
125 N. Main Street · Bel Air, MD 21014
(410) 638-4807 · njjackson@harfordcountymd.gov
www.HarfordMediation.org

Howard County

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center
of Howard County
9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, #306 · Columbia, MD 21046
(443) 518-7693 · info@mcrchoward.org
www.mcrchoward.org

Kent & Queen Anne's Counties

Community Mediation Upper Shore, Inc.
P.O. Box 692 · Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 810-9188 · info@cmusmediation.org
www.CMUSmediation.org

Montgomery County

Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery Co.
4805 Edgemoor Lane, 2nd Floor
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 652-0717 · info@cremc.org
www.CRCMC.org

Prince George's County

Prince George's Community Collaborative
Resolution Center
310 Tulip Avenue · Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 690-0116 · pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com
www.PGCCRC.org

Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester

Tri Community Mediation
231 West Main St · Salisbury, MD 21801
(410) 548-7174 · tem@tricomunitymediation.org
www.TriCommunityMediation.org

St. Mary's County

Community Mediation of St. Mary's Co.
41620 Courthouse Drive [Rear Entrance]
P.O. Box 853 · Leonardtown, MD 20650
(301) 475-9118 · st.marys.mediation@gmail.com
www.CommunityMediationSMC.org

Washington County

Mediation First
82 W Washington Street, # 309
Hagerstown, MD 21740
(240) 200-4108 · info@mediation1st.org
www.choosemediation1st.org