

LANE COUNTY

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#### **FAMILY MEDIATOR**

**CLASS SUMMARY**: To perform court-mandated professional mediation services with parents involved in custody and/or parenting time disputes; and to perform related duties as assigned.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Receives direction from the Family Mediation Program Manager.

# **TYPICAL CLASS ESSENTIAL DUTIES**: (These duties are a representative sample; position assignments may vary.)

- 1. Conducts client assessment; obtains appropriate documents; plans and implements intervention to comply with client needs.
- 2. Meets with clients to facilitate constructive conflict resolution; provides education and referrals to assist clients in improving family relations.
- 3. Writes custody and parenting time agreements and plans for clients and attorneys.
- 4. Completes case-related correspondence; prepares appropriate records and reports.
- 5. Maintains contact with attorneys and professionals relating to individual cases.
- 6. May address professional organizations, schools, community agencies, and other interested groups on matters pertaining to the Family Mediation Program.
- 7. Assists in program planning and evaluation.

#### **Knowledge of (position requirements at entry):**

- Principles, practices, and techniques of domestic relations mediation. Principles, practices, methods, and techniques of marital, family, and parent/child dynamics and child development.
- Techniques and methods of effective conflict resolution.
- Domestic relations, confidentiality laws, and the court system.
- Acceptable alternatives in custody and parenting time.

#### **Skills in (position requirements at entry):**

- Promote and facilitate conflict resolutions.
- Work effectively within limited time frames with clients of varied backgrounds.

- Effect constructive change in behavior.
- Maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

### <u>Training and Experience</u> (positions in this class typically require):

Master's or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in a behavioral science, or a law degree from an accredited law school with substantial course work and/or Continuing Legal Education credits in family law.

Participation in at least 20 cases of domestic relations mediation totaling at least 100 hours, or two years of professional mediation, direct therapy/counseling experience or legal practice with domestic relations or juvenile caseloads, that otherwise satisfies the experience/training requirements for court connected domestic relations mediators.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities as required by OJD Court-Connected Mediator qualifications rules is qualifying.

<u>Licensing Requirements</u> (positions in this class may require):

**NOTE:** These positions are represented by AFSCME Local 2831.

## **Classification History:**

Deminimus change memo clarifying education and minimum experience requirements approved by County Administrator 03/11/08.

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