

NORTH CAROLINA
RANDOLPH COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

File No. _____ CVD _____

Plaintiff

vs.

CUSTODY MEDIATION ORIENTATION NOTICE

Defendant

TO THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

In accordance with North Carolina statute 50-13.1, the above-captioned case has been set for mandatory mediation of all custody and visitation issues.

Notice is hereby given to appear on _____ at 3:00PM in the Randolph County Courthouse, Conference Room 303 on the Third Floor. All parties are required to be present at this time to participate in an orientation program developed by the Court. Please allow two hours for this program.

PARTIES WHO FAIL TO APPEAR FOR ORIENTATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A \$100 FINE PLUS THE COST OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE PARTY THAT ATTENDED ORIENTATION AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

(FAMILY COURT RULE 5.9)

The orientation will focus on the purposes of mediation and the pursuit of the following goals:

1. To reduce acrimony that exists between the parties to a dispute involving custody or visitation of a minor child.
2. To develop custody and visitation agreements that are in the child's best interest.
3. To provide the parties with informed choices and, where possible, give parties the responsibility for making decisions about custody and visitation.
4. To provide a structured, confidential, non-adversarial setting that facilitates the cooperative resolution and minimizes the stress and anxiety to which the parties and especially the child are subjected.
5. To reduce the re-litigation of custody and visitation disputes.

Mediation is an efficient, economical alternative to traditional litigation and provides for a prompt resolution of disputes. Mediation is better than the courtroom as a way to resolve complex and emotional issues involved in custody and visitation cases.

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CUSTODY MEDIATION OFFICE 336-328-3274

If you live outside of this county, you may inquire about accommodations for distance.

Notice Dated