

Child Support Mediation

Mediating a dispute over child support during a divorce ensures that the child's well-being always comes first. Any underlying monetary or other motives of the co-parents are of a lesser significant in this process. You should go through the process even if you believe that child support mediation may not yield the desired result.

Flexibility

Child support mediation will take place in the presence of both co-parents and the mediator. The main objective is to prioritize the child's needs because only they will benefit from the financial support.

Mediation creates space for divergent ideas to be integrated into child support as it encourages initiative and participation of both parents. For instance, the couple may adjust the weekly child support paid against equitable cost-sharing of health insurance or daycare expenses.

Co-operation

Some families might decide to combine their resources to pay for their child's expenses, occasionally with the higher-income spouse providing a larger share. In other cases, the non-custodial parent will directly contribute to housing expenses, school clothing, buying the child's first laptop or vehicle, or an extracurricular allowance.

Mutual Settlement

The California Child Support Guidelines are well-established to help create a streamlined child support agreement. It is a tool for co-parents with different levels of income to arrive at

a mutually agreeable child support amount. However, the guidelines do not address the specific needs of the particular family.

Therefore, parents can consider the mediation process to determine child support in a way that benefits themselves and their children. Because the co-parents will themselves come to a resolution on the child support amount (unlike litigation, where the amount is imposed by the court), the likelihood of compliance is much higher. Given the number of unpaid child support arrears in many jurisdictions, it's a significant benefit.

Maintaining Relationship


Perhaps the most crucial aspect of mediation in child support and family law disputes lies in protecting the parental bond. The relationship must continue amicably between parents after a divorce for the sake of the child's best interests.


You are always a parent once you become one. Parental engagement goes a long way to help lower the anxiety and stress that children experience when parents split. With help from a professional child support mediator, when co-parents adjust well to the changing family dynamic after a divorce, so do their children.



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