
King County Superior Court Family Court Services



King County

King County Courthouse
516 Third Ave, Room W-280
Seattle, WA 98104
206-477-1500

Dear Parents:

Enclosed is the CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION document. **Each parent must independently sign this document**. The second and final party who signs this document is responsible for returning it to FCS immediately in order to initiate this process, indicating their willingness to enter into mediation with Family Court Services.

Please keep in mind that mediation at FCS is for PARENTING PLAN ISSUES ONLY. Family Court Services does not mediate financial matters.

There is a sliding fee scale for our services, and the participants will be billed accordingly pursuant to King County Ordinance 10643 (see enclosure). Each party will be charged a portion of the fee based upon their net income, unless a fee reduction/waiver is granted by an administrator at Family Court Services.

Please be aware that all parties are required to attend a mandated seminar entitled, "*What About the Children?*" However, if you have already attended this class in the past, please submit a copy of your certificate along with this co-petition.

NOTE: If you have an Order of Protection, mediation may not be appropriate. You will need to make sure that contact with the other party in mediation is not a violation of your protection order. It may be necessary for you to go to court for a specific order to allow mediation.

Sincerely,

Taryn McCormack

Case Coordinator
King County Superior Court
Family Court Services
206-477-1500

Enclosure

*FAMILY COURT SERVICES
CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION FORM*

Superior Court Cause No.

Co-Petitioner

(Decree of Dissolution Or Parentage Action)

CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION
RE: PARENTING PLAN

Co-Petitioner

Child DOB

Child DOB

If your dissolution or parentage action has been filed, but a final decree has not been entered, please provide the date the action was filed: _____

If this is a post-decree mediation request based on your parenting plan requirement for mediation prior to return to court, please check here: .

Statement of Intent:

We represent to the King County Courthouse, Family Court Services that a controversy exists regarding our parenting plan for our children. There are minor child(ren) in our family and this controversy may affect their welfare. We want to attempt to reach an agreeable settlement of the parenting plan issues. We request the assistance of Family Court Services in mediating a settlement of the issue(s).

Co-Petitioner PRINT

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Signature*

Signature*

Address (Street & No., City, State, Zip)

Address (Street & No., City, State, Zip)

Address (line two)

Address (line two)

Phone Number

Phone Number

Date

Date

*Each parent must independently sign this Co-Petition indicating their willingness to enter into mediation.

RETURN FORM TO:
Family Court Services
516 THIRD AVE ROOM W-280
SEATTLE WA 98104

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
FAMILY COURT SERVICES**

MEDIATION SLIDING FEE SCALE

TYPE OF SERVICE	Combined Income:							
	Under \$20,000	\$20,000 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$29,999	\$30,000 - \$34,999	\$35,000 - \$39,999	\$40,000 - \$44,999	\$45,000 and over	
Mediation Flat	\$251	\$376	\$500	\$624	\$751	\$876	\$1,000	
Under no circumstances will the total amount due exceed the maximum fee.								
There is a minimum fee of \$51 or those with a household income under the poverty guidelines.								
Poverty Guidelines (2017): Add \$4,180 for each additional family member over 8								
Family of:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$11,880	\$16,020	\$20,160	\$24,300	\$28,440	\$32,580	\$36,730	\$40,890

You may request a payment arrangement or fee adjustment by contacting our office once you have received your billing amount.