

SAN MATEO COUNTY JUVENILE MEDIATION PROGRAM

Multi-Option ADR Project

Superior Court of San Mateo County, Juvenile Division

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STATEMENT OF INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN MEDIATION

1. This matter has been referred to the San Mateo County Juvenile Mediation Program.
2. Participation in this mediation is voluntary and free of any charge to the participants.
3. The mediators intend to remain neutral throughout the mediation. To the best of our knowledge, the mediators assigned to your mediation have no personal interest or bias concerning the content or outcome of the mediation session.
4. All records made as part of your mediation for this program are confidential. Exceptions may be made by agreement of the parties.
5. All participants in a mediation session are asked to sign a "Confidentiality Agreement" before the session begins. Except as otherwise provided by law, the agreement states that anything said during the mediation or any document prepared for or written during the mediation cannot be used in a court of law unless all parties agree to its use.
6. Agreements reached in mediation are usually written, but they are not legally enforceable by the courts unless all parties agree in writing that they should be. It is the participants' responsibility to make sure that the agreement complies with applicable codes and ordinances. If all parties agree that the agreement reached through mediation is to be legally enforceable, it is the responsibility of the parties to do this independent of any involvement or responsibility of the San Mateo County Juvenile Mediation Program.
7. Participants have a right to bring evidence to a mediation session. However, it is not usually helpful to bring witnesses and we encourage you not to do so.
8. Participants have the right to have an attorney present in a mediation hearing. However, in order to preserve the informal and nonadversarial nature of mediation, we strongly discourage their presence. If they are present, their participation will be limited or they may be asked to wait outside.
9. Any participant who wants to bring an attorney or any other person to the mediation must discuss their intention with the Program Staff prior to the scheduled mediation, and far enough in advance to allow the Program Staff to notify the other participants. Mediators may prevent witnesses, attorneys and other persons from participating in the mediation if their presence has not been discussed with the Program Staff or if the other participant does not agree to their presence.
10. The Mediators may terminate the mediation if a party requests a greater understanding of his or her rights than can be provided at the mediation, and may encourage the party to seek legal, financial or other professional advise.
11. The Mediators may terminate the mediation if any participant fails to abide by the ground rules for mediation as explained by the mediators.
12. A mediator will terminate the mediation if the safety of anyone present is in question.

SIGNATURES

Name

Name

Date

Date