

THE E.U.P. COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

The E.U.P. CDRC is a non-profit organization. *OUR MISSION* is to provide citizens with the opportunity to mediate disagreements, determine their own solutions, and resolve differences using a process that is respectful and educational.

To inquire about Elder Care and Adult Guardianship Mediation:

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MEDIATION

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process where a trained “facilitator” helps participants communicate and reach an agreement that all participants find acceptable. Unlike the formal court process, where one party wins and one loses, mediation helps parties reach their own mutually-satisfactory resolution. Mediation offers participants the time to really work through the process of their issues in an informal, safe and confidential setting.

Benefits of Mediation

The decision-making process belongs to you. You decide how to best resolve your dispute; unlike going to court, no one judges your problem and tells you what to do.

It works. Thousands of cases have been successfully mediated to all parties' satisfaction. Mediation is a “win/win” rather than a “win/lose” solution. In court, someone wins and someone loses.

It's effective. Over 80% of mediated cases end in agreement. Mediation also reduces the likelihood that the problem will occur again.



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Elder care and adult guardianship mediation provides a forum for family decision-making. It is private, confidential, and completely voluntary.

Mediators guide the discussion through a structured problem-solving process in which family members are encouraged to express their interests and concerns.

The intent is that all participants feel heard, valued, and understood.

All agreed-upon solutions are put into a written agreement, which becomes a binding contract. The older adult, family members, and those involved in providing care all receive copies of the agreement.

Meetings are informal and are held in locations which meet the family's needs, including private homes, mediator's offices, and senior living facilities.



Possible topics to be mediated:

- *ADVANCED HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES*
- *END-OF-LIFE MEDICAL CARE*
- *FINANCIAL DECISIONS/EXPLOITATION/PREVENTION*
- *LIVING ARRANGEMENTS*
- *COMMUNICATION ISSUES*
- *PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD CARE AND MAINTENANCE*
- *SAFETY/RISK TAKING*
- *AUTONOMY AND SELF-DETERMINATION*
- *FAMILY MEMBER ROLES, GOALS, NEEDS, AND RELATIONSHIPS*
- *LIFESTYLE CHOICES*
- *NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE*
- *ROLES OF GUARDIANS, LIMITED GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS, POWER OF ATTORNEY*
- *AND MORE!*

HOW ELDER CARE & ADULT GUARDIANSHIP MEDIATION CAN HELP:

- Why mediation works:**
- Parties Control the Results. Participants work together to find a solution that can mean avoiding a solution imposed by the court, which may be neither party's preference.
 - Save Time and Money. If parties can reach an agreement, the costs and time associated with attending court hearings can be avoided.
 - Reduce Future Conflict. Mediation is less stressful than court hearings for all parties and can set a positive course for future interactions between the participants.