

# Mid Shore Community Mediation Center

## Outreach Collection

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(MSCMC) has built a strong family mediation program by putting the needs of dependent children first in cases where parents are involved in separation and divorce. Two experienced, professionally trained mediators (usually a male and a female) are assigned to each case. From the beginning of the first mediation session, the mediators keep the focus on how the children can get the most out of both parents when the parents are no longer living together. The process is completely self-determined, that is, the parents come up with all the solutions to resolve their differences relating to the plan for their children. Because the ideas are their own they



are able to take ownership of the terms of the agreement. Parents comply with mediated agreements at twice the rate they comply with court judgments.

Mid Shore Community Mediation Center partners with the Family Courts in all three counties we serve (Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot). While many referrals

come from the courts, many parents hear about us before they engage the court system. This provides the children involved with the best plan the parents can create together, saves time, money and stress, and often keeps the children from becoming

the rope in a tug-of-war between angry spouses.

Family mediations can be contentious, loud and profane or collaborative, civil and congenial, but the benefits to the kids and the satisfaction of the mediators when they reach agreement are hard to equal.

This cause is in keeping with our UU Principles.

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