

PREPARING FOR FAMILY MEDIATION

The following materials are provided to help you prepare for your upcoming mediation. Please take some time to consider the potential issues that will be discussed and decided during your mediation sessions(s). These questions are designed to start you thinking about your child's needs, interests and concerns regarding the separation.

This information is specifically for you to be better prepared to begin the mediation process. You will not be required to share your specific answers during the mediation session if you are not comfortable doing so.

ISSUES TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO MEDIATION

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| * living arrangements with each parent | * transportation |
| * holidays/special family occasions/vacation periods | * children's activities |
| * children's health | * schooling |
| | * discipline |
| | * religious training |

What are your wishes for your child after the separation? _____

How has your child dealt with the separation? _____

How can you make this situation easier for your child? _____

What is special/unique about your child? _____

Who cares for the child besides his or her parents? _____

Does the child have any children regarded as brothers or sisters? or is the child living with other children? _____

What daily activities, outside the home, are important to your child? _____

Describe your relationship with your child? _____

Describe your child's relationship with the other parent? _____

How is your current relationship with the other parent? _____

What are the other parent's strengths as a parent? _____

What are your strengths as a parent? _____

Do you have any concerns about your child spending time with the other parent? If yes, what _____

What are your needs as you parent this child after the divorce/separation ? _____

What problems, if any, do you anticipate dealing with regarding the child custody agreement? _____

