

Divorce Mediation:

Individuals whom are contemplating divorce can utilize the Divorce Mediation Program. You may open a case with us at any stage in the divorce process, whether that be before you have filed, or after you have filed at any time during the court process. Some divorce cases are referred to OMC by the Oakland County 6th Circuit Court; while others may be self-referred, referred by an attorney, or referred by another agency. In this program, couples work together to craft a mutually beneficial agreement that works in their best interest, and their children's if they are parents. If they have minor children, parents collaborate to come up with a parenting time plan, and co-parenting plan, that will be in the best interests of the children. If an agreement is reached, it is up to the parties, and/or their attorneys, to submit the agreement to the Oakland Circuit Court for approval to be entered into a judgment for divorce. The average divorce mediation settlement takes 2-3 sessions; however some may only need 1, and some may need several. One of the advantages to mediation at OMC, is the time the process takes is tailored to fit your needs for your individual circumstances. Parties may mediate with or without their attorneys. We encourage all parties to seek legal advice prior to coming to mediation to understand what their legal rights are prior to negotiating a legally binding agreement.

Individuals who are low-income and/or indigent, can access our divorce mediation services at no cost. To qualify for fees to be waived in this program, individuals must 1) have a waiver from the court for fees; or 2) be receiving food stamps from the State. Individuals who qualify for fees to be waived may also qualify for and have access to free legal services to guide them through their divorce process, and have their mediation settlement agreement entered into a court order.

If you are navigating your way through the divorce journey on your own, without legal assistance, the Michigan Legal Help organization provides free and accurate legal information; as well as help and referrals for Michigan residents. See their website at www.MichiganLegalHelp.org. Here you can find a lawyer, self-helps centers, community services, and court information.

All divorce cases are screened for Domestic Violence. Individuals whom are being abused, may find it difficult to access important information and help. If you are in a Domestic Violence situation, or feel you are being abused and/or controlled, consider finding a safe place and contacting HAVEN's 24-Hour Crisis & Support Line at 248-334-1274 (Toll Free Crisis & Support Line 877-922-1274; TTY 248-334-1290). Cases involving Domestic Violence are NOT appropriate for mediation.

For questions, please contact us at (248) 338-4280 or email us at info@mediation-omc.org.



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