

Dear Parents:

Enclosed is the CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION document. **Each parent must independently sign this document**. The second and final party who signs this document is responsible for returning it to FCS immediately in order to initiate this process, indicating their willingness to enter into mediation with Family Court Services.

Please keep in mind that mediation at FCS is for PARENTING PLAN ISSUES ONLY. **Family Court Services does not mediate financial matters.**

There is a sliding fee scale for our services, and the participants will be billed accordingly pursuant to King County Code 4A.632.030 (see enclosure). Each party will be charged a portion of the fee based upon their net income unless a fee reduction/waiver is granted by an administrator at Family Court Services.

Please be aware that all parties are required to attend a mandated seminar entitled, "*What About the Children?*" However, if you have already attended this class in the past, please submit a copy of your certificate along with this co-petition.

NOTE: If you have an Order of Protection, mediation may not be appropriate. At its discretion, FCS may assess each case to determine if it is appropriate for mediation and will screen out cases if it is determined that mediation should not occur. You will need to make sure that contact with the other party in mediation is not a violation of your protection order. It may be necessary for you to go to court for a specific order to allow mediation.

Sincerely,

Family Court Services

Enclosure

*FAMILY COURT SERVICES
CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION FORM*

Superior Court Cause Number

(Decree of Dissolution or Parentage Action)

CO-PETITION FOR MEDIATION
RE: PARENTING PLAN FOR

Co-Petitioner

Co-Petitioner

Child DOB

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If your dissolution or parentage action has been filed, but a final decree has not been entered, please provide the date the action was filed: _____

If this is a post-decree mediation request based on your parenting plan requirement for mediation prior to return to court, please check here:

Statement of Intent:

We represent to the King County Courthouse, Family Court Services that a controversy exists regarding our parenting plan for our children. There are minor child(ren) in our family and this controversy may affect their welfare. We want to attempt to reach an agreeable settlement of the parenting plan issues. We request the assistance of Family Court Services in mediating a settlement of the issue(s).

Co-Petitioner (Print)

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Signature*

Signature*

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP

City, State, ZIP

Phone Number

Phone Number

Email Address

Email Address

Date

Date

*Each parent must independently sign this Co-Petition indicating their willingness to enter into mediation.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
FAMILY COURT SERVICES**

MEDIATION SLIDING FEE SCALE

Individual Household Income:	Under \$35,000	\$35,000 - \$39,999	\$40,000 - \$44,999	\$45,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$54,999	\$55,000 - \$59,999	\$60,000 - \$64,999	\$65,000 - \$69,999	\$70,000 and over
Your Fee:	\$0	\$100	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$500

There is no fee for households earning less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines. See the table below.

Poverty Guidelines (2023):									
Family/Household Size:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*	
Income Threshold:	\$14,580	\$19,720	\$24,860	\$30,000	\$35,140	\$40,280	\$45,420	\$50,560	
* Add \$5,140 to the threshold for each family/household member over 8.									

Billing arrangements will be made with the King County Accounts Receivable department for monthly payments beginning after FCS services have been provided.**

You may request a fee review and possible adjustment by contacting our office after you have received your billing amount.

****The above fee is for services provided and is not contingent upon the parties reaching any level of agreement.**