



Mediation for restraining order matters in the Perth Children's Court

This fact sheet is about mediation for young people involved in restraining order matters in the Perth Children's Court.

What is mediation?

Mediation is where participants listen and talk to each other in a respectful and safe environment, with the help of a trained 'mediator'.

A 'mediator' is a person who is even-handed as they help participants resolve their issues.

Why is mediation successful?

Mediation is often a successful way to resolve issues because:

- » it is a fair way to talk about your issues,
- » it is focused on your futures,
- » it is you and the other people involved who get to make the decisions, and
- » it is a positive approach.

Mediation is very different from court proceedings where other people make the decisions.

When can you go to mediation?

The Perth Children's Court has a mediation service for young people involved in school-based restraining order matters.

You can go to mediation about restraining order issues, if you, the other people directly involved (including your adult support person), the mediator, and the court all agree that mediation is suitable.

The service is paid for by Youth Legal Service.

Youth legal service.



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What happens during the mediation?

Your mediation will be held in meeting rooms which have a room for the whole group and a separate room for private discussions with the mediator.

You will have your adult support person with you during the process.

During the mediation, you and the other young person will:

- » listen to each other and to the mediator,
- » talk to the mediator and later to each other,
- » think about possible solutions to your issues, and
- » work towards creating some agreements that will work for each of you and for others who have been affected.

If you reach an agreement during mediation, your agreement will be sent to the Magistrate and you will not need to go back to court. If you do not reach an agreement during mediation, you will need to go back to court and your matter will proceed to trial.

How can you get more information?

If you would like more information on the restraining order mediation service for young people, you can:

- » call Youth Legal Service on 9202 1688,
- » call Legal Aid WA on 1300 650 579, or
- » speak with registry staff at the Perth Children's Court.

You can also find more information on mediation on the Legal Aid WA website www.legalaid.wa.gov.au.

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