

NORTH CAROLINA

FORSYTH COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO. _____

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendant.

**NOTICE TO ATTEND CHILD CUSTODY
MEDIATION ORIENTATION**

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 50-13.1, the above-entitled action has been set for mandatory mediation of all custody and visitation issues.

Notice is hereby given to the parties to appear on **Wednesday, the _____ day of _____ 20____, at 10:00 A.M., in Courtroom 3-C** (third floor) of the Forsyth County Hall of Justice, 200 North Main Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. All parties are required to be present at this time to participate in an orientation program developed by the Court. **Parties who fail to comply with this notice may be subject to the contempt powers of court.** Please allow at least two hours for this program.

This case involves at least one non-biological parent: YES NO

The orientation program will focus on the purposes of mediation and the pursuit of the following goals:

1. To reduce acrimony that exists between the parties to a dispute involving custody or visitation of a minor child(ren);
2. The development of custody and visitation agreements that are in the child(ren)'s best interest;
3. To provide the parties with informed choices and, where possible, to give parties the responsibility for making decisions about custody and visitation;
4. To provide a structured, confidential, nonadversarial setting that will facilitate the cooperative resolution and minimize the stress and anxiety to which the parties and especially the child(ren) are subjected; and
5. To reduce the re-litigation of custody and visitation disputes.

Mediation is an efficient, economical alternative to traditional litigation. It provides for a prompt resolution of disputes and is an appropriate forum for resolving the complex and highly emotional issues involved in custody and visitation cases.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO "CUSTODY MEDIATION" at 336-779-6613

This the ____ day of _____, 20____.
