

**Custody Mediation Cover Sheet
And
Notice for Custody Mediation and Orientation**

County: Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans	File #: ____ - ____ - ____
Parent/Caretaker's Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____ Interpreter needed? Primary Language: _____	Plaintiff's Attorney: _____ _____
Parent/Caretaker's Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____ Interpreter needed? Primary Language: _____	Defendant's Attorney: _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please check one below:</i></p> Initial Filing for Custody/Visitation Motion to Modify Custody/Visitation

THE PARTIES WILL BE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A **MANDATORY**
CHILD CUSTODY ORIENTATION SESSION AS LISTED BELOW.

NOTE: If you have attended an orientation session in the last five (5) years, you are not required to attend again. Please contact the Mediator to inform her of your completion of this program requirement. Orientation will last approximately one (1) hour. After all parties to the case have completed Orientation, your Child Custody Mediation session will be scheduled.

The moving party shall serve upon the opposing party and counsel the pleading and this Notice of Custody Mediation Orientation.

**Questions & requests for appointments may be directed to
Tina D. Walker at tina.d.walker@nccourts.org**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE				
I certify that a copy of this Notice for Custody Mediation Orientation was served as follows:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	By depositing a copy enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper in a Post Office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service directed to:	Plaintiff	Defendant	Plaintiff's Attorney Defendant's Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/>	By delivering a copy personally to:	Plaintiff	Defendant	Plaintiff's Attorney Defendant's Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/>	By Sheriff's Service with a copy of Complaint to:	Plaintiff	Defendant	Plaintiff's Attorney Defendant's Attorney

Signature

Plaintiff Plaintiff's Attorney
Defendant Defendant's Attorney

Date

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WHAT IS ORIENTATION?

Parties with Child Custody and Visitation matters must participate in the mandatory North Carolina's Custody Mediation Program in an effort to resolve their disputes without having to go through a trial in court. The first of this two-step process is the ORIENTATION SESSION. Parties in the custody case are court ordered to attend one orientation session and at least one mediation session. Orientation is usually scheduled within 30 days of the date the case is sent to the Custody Mediation Program.

The Orientation is a group presentation and is designed to provide participants with a general understanding of what Mediation involves. You will complete information necessary for the Mediator's file and you will be provided with informational material about the program as well as referrals to local resources for children and parents.

**This IS NOT your individual Mediation Session.
Your Mediation Session will be scheduled
after all parties to the case have attended Orientation.**

Notify the Mediator prior to your attendance to Orientation if you have a No Contact/Domestic Violence Protective Order that is currently in place.

Remember, if you have attended an Orientation session in the last five (5) years, you are not required to attend again. You are directed to contact the person listed on the front of this form to schedule a mediation session.

WHAT IS MEDIATION?

Mediation is a guided conversation. Custody Mediation offers a "family-friendly" way of handling a custody disagreement. The Mediator helps the parties look at their parenting concerns and the needs of the children. Mediation reduces the stress and anxiety often involved in custody disputes. It gives you, the parents, the opportunity to make the important decisions regarding your child(ren) without having to go through a trial in court.

For more information about the Custody Mediation Program, please visit:
<https://www.nccourts.gov/help-topics/family-and-children/custody-mediation>