

Family members, friends, attorneys, doctors, pastors, social workers, bankers, social service agencies and/or others can request mediation any time families need help resolving a problem.

Fees are negotiable.
Contact the CMC manager to discuss a suitable arrangement.

For more information on the Community Mediation Center and the ElderCare Mediation Program:

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ELDERCARE MEDIATION PROGRAM

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**THE COMMUNITY
MEDIATION CENTER (CMC)**
PROVIDES MEDIATION SERVICES FOR
DIVERSE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

CMC is a program of the Kansas Institute for
Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR)
at Bethel College and is guided by
an advisory committee of area citizens.

Mediators talk with each person individually first, including the older adult(s) if feasible, and then facilitate a meeting with everyone. Possible solutions are discussed with the mediator's help, and any agreement is usually put in writing and signed.

CMC has a panel of community volunteers and professional mediators specially trained to work with older adults and their family members. They have no stake or vested interest in the outcome and do not impose solutions.

**ISSUES OR DECISIONS
MIGHT INCLUDE:**

- › Should an older adult relative continue to drive a car?
- › Does s/he or do they need to be in a retirement community or nursing home? What concerns does this raise?
- › Does s/he or do they have sufficient assets for future care?
- › Can s/he or they be involved in decision-making?
- › End of life

**BENEFITS OF
MEDIATION:**

- › Lets parties themselves find solutions to their problems
- › Helps people understand each other and work together
- › Can result in win-win agreements
- › Confidential in most situations
- › Less costly than going to court
- › Informal
- › Seeks fairness for all parties

Tensions can develop as family members age and become less able to make difficult decisions. The CMC's ElderCare Mediation Program process helps families communicate effectively and, through discussion, negotiation and problem-solving, make decisions in the best interest of older family members.