

School Attendance Mediation

What is mediation?

Mediation is a process in which two or more people involved in a dispute meet in a private, confidential setting with trained, neutral mediators to find a solution to the problem. The mediator assists the parties involved to reach their own solution, and does not determine the outcome, or take a position or “side” with either party.

What is School Attendance Mediation?

The mediator facilitates the conversation between the school and home to improve school attendance and reduce truancy and school drop-out rates.

How does School Attendance Mediation work?

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) offers mediation service to the schools within the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. NCM provides non-biased, neutral mediators to facilitate a dialogue among the student, the student’s family, and school personnel. Together, they develop a plan to ensure that the student attends school regularly and according to the school attendance policy.

How does School Attendance Mediation benefit me?

Chronic absenteeism and tardiness are often stepping stones to dropping out of school before graduation. The purpose of the School Attendance Mediation is to facilitate the conversation between the school and home, and to improve school attendance and reduce truancy and school drop-out rates.

Would you like more information?

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