A better way to make your parenting plan

When you can't agree, mediation is your first step. It helps you work together to find solutions that fit your family.

Why choose mediation?

- **It's flexible** – find solutions that really work for your family.
- **It's child-focused** – make decisions that put your children first.
- **It's collaborative** – improve communication and understanding.

You'll usually need to try Family Dispute Resolution before applying to the Family Court.

What families say

"Mediator was amazing, I felt supported and empowered throughout a difficult time."

"Helped so much, we are actually able to co-parent now."

"Made it easy for our family to come together and communicate."

"Everything was put in place to help understand what my child wanted and the outcome was perfect."

"So much better than having to go to Court."

Family mediation with Fair Way

Are you struggling to agree on what's best for your children? We can help.

- ☑ Our experienced mediators work with you to create practical parenting arrangements that truly fit your whānau.
- ☑ We bring everyone together in a safe, supportive space where every voice is heard.
- ☑ We guide you through the tough conversations and help you explore options to build the best plan.

Family Dispute Resolution is a free nationwide mediation service focused on children.

Find out more

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Family Dispute Resolution

Free mediation service to help you create a plan for your children's care



Your path to resolution

Apply

Start by completing our simple online form, or giving us a call. We'll review your situation and confirm if mediation is the right option. If suitable, we'll invite the other party to participate.

Talk to us

Once everyone agrees to proceed, we'll contact you individually to learn more about you and your whānau, guide you through the process and answer any questions.

Consider your child's needs

Your children's wellbeing and best interests are at the heart of mediation. We offer resources, specialist support, and options for child involvement to ensure their voices are heard.

Prepare

Access our videos and workbook to help you get ready for mediation. A little preparation can make a big difference.

Meet your mediator

You'll have a private session with your mediator — by phone, online, or in person — to discuss what you are hoping to achieve.

Mediation

Everyone meets with the mediator to talk through the issues and create a parenting plan tailored to your whānau.

Resolution

Your mediator will draft a parenting plan summarising any agreements you reach. You can keep this private or choose to formalise it as a Court Order.

Relationship property dispute?

Ask about our private mediation service. It's available for an additional fee.

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Making a plan

Mediation is based on your family's needs. Think about the areas you'd like to focus on.

What's important for your children?

- Living and care arrangements.
- Changeovers and contact arrangements.
- Shared decisions – values, co-parenting, school and education, holidays, travel.
- Important decisions – name, religion, culture, medical or health decisions.

What do they need? What's best for them?

Your role in mediation

- ☑ Be open to conversations and finding a solution with the other person.
- ☑ Use our resources to help you prepare and get ready for mediation.
- ☑ Try exploring new ideas and options – what might work well?
- ☑ Think about your children and their needs, every step of the way.



Around **80%** of families **make agreements** at FDR!