

What happens in child inclusive mediation?

Step 1	Each parent talks individually with the child consultant
Step 2	An appointment is made for the child/ren and the child consultant to meet and talk
Step 3	The child consultant meets with the parents jointly or individually to provide feedback

Why is feedback important ?

Children love both their parents and sometimes a child will worry that they may upset one parent or the other. With this in mind, it is important that the meeting between the parents and the child consultant takes place within two weeks of the child's consultation, so that the child has the reassurance of knowing that both parents are okay.

For more information

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Child inclusive mediation

Mediation can provide a safe way of communicating your child's feelings to assist in decision-making after changes to the family situation.

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What are the benefits of child inclusive mediation?

In child inclusive mediation your children are supported through:

- + validation of their experiences
- + recognition of the difficulties they may be experiencing
 - + the opportunity to talk to someone neutral
 - + the opportunity to have their preferences and needs considered by their parents in any decision-making

Is child inclusive mediation suitable for my child?

Child inclusive mediation may be suitable for children from the age of five onwards. Both parents must give their consent, and it is not appropriate for all family situations.

Your Family Dispute Resolution practitioner or child consultant will be happy to discuss this with you.

The role of the child consultant

Our child consultants are skilled and accredited practitioners who possess a range of qualifications, training and experience in working with children's needs following their parents' separation. All consultants have acquired post-graduate qualifications in family dispute resolution.

The role of the child consultant is to:

- + provide a neutral space for your child to share their feelings and experiences of their family's situation
 - + communicate your child's feelings in a safe and constructive way to both parents
 - + act impartially and independently to bring your child's voice into the mediation process

How do I organise child inclusive mediation?

Your Family Dispute Resolution practitioner can discuss with you the possibility of your child seeing a child consultant.

