
Free Information Sessions (MIP)

The Mandatory Information Program (MIP) is a **FREE 2 hour** session that is open to the public but mandatory for Applicants and Respondents in family court proceedings. This **session** is designed to provide general and legal information associated with separation and divorce. MIP also helps you understand how family law works; your options on dispute resolution and how you might reduce emotional and financial costs.

***Please call 905-453-7795 if you're interested but not currently involved in family court proceedings**

Do We Require Legal Assistance?

Yes. Each party should obtain legal advice from a lawyer. The mediator **does not** provide legal advice. The Mediation Report is **NOT** a legally binding contract. A lawyer must prepare formal Minutes of Settlement or a binding Agreement. Each party should meet with separate lawyers for independent legal advice regarding the mediation report. **Family advice or duty counsel** is available at the court house to provide limited legal advice and assist with Minutes of Settlement. There is no fee for their services.

Legal Aid Ontario's Mediation Services are available to mediate custody, access and child support to those who qualify.

The Legal Aid Mediator, is available in **Room 303**, 7755 Hurontario Street A. Grenville & William Davis Courthouse Brampton, Ontario, L6W 4T1
905-453-1728 or 647-924-5827

How to Obtain Mediation Services?

Visit or call:

3 Office Locations:

1a) Peel Family Mediation Services

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
A.Grenville and William Davis Courthouse
7755 Hurontario Street, Room 260
Brampton, Ontario L6W 4Y6
1-844-452-PFMS (7367) or 905-452-7367

1b) Family Law Information Center (FLIC)

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm
7755 Hurontario Street, Room 261
Brampton, Ontario L6W 4Y6
General & MIP Reschedule Line: 905-453-7795

2) The Professional Building

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Some Evenings and weekends available!
7700 Hurontario Street, Suite 405
Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4M3
(Located in the shopping plaza directly across from the Brampton Courthouse on the 2nd floor)
1-844-452 PFMS (7367) or 905-452-7367
Email : info@peelfamilymediation.org
Fax : 905-456-7367

3) Orangeville Courthouse

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm
Other times are available by appointment!
10 Louisa Street, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 3P9
1-844-452-PFMS (7367) or 905-452-7367

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www.peelfamilymediation.org



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Peel Family Mediation Services

COURT-BASED FAMILY MEDIATION IN PEEL REGION AND DUFFERIN COUNTY

ONSITE AND OFFSITE MEDIATION

Helping you put the pieces together

- There is **no** cost for **onsite** mediation
 - Everyone qualifies
 - We mediate all issues
 - No court case required
- Mediation is also offered in French, Punjabi, Urdu, and **other languages**
- **Off-site Intakes are free.** Fees are available on a sliding scale and are based on income and number of dependents.

*Helping you
reach a settlement
that fits your family's needs and
minimizes conflict and delay*

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process during which the parties in a dispute meet with a neutral third party to try to resolve their issues. An experienced mediator assists the parties to work towards a resolution.

All of PFMS mediators are accredited Family Mediators, and include Lawyers, Social workers, Psychologists and other professionals.

Mediation helps you reach an agreement that meets your needs and those of the children. The Mediator does not make the decision but instead, empowers the parties to reach their **own** resolution.

Mediated settlements can be customized to the needs of those involved. It can be faster than litigation and may help the parties work together in the future to resolve issues together without court involvement.

What Can Be Mediated?

Here are some examples:

- Access
- Parenting plan
- Child support
- Extraordinary Expenses
- Custody
- Decision making
- Mobility
- Travel arrangements
- Spousal support
- Property division
- Pension division

PEEL FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICES

Peel Family Mediation Services (PFMS) is a **not-for-profit charitable organization**.

It started in the late 1990s as a limited service and became a full service in the Fall of 2011 when we received funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General.

In addition to mediation services, we provide student placements, mediator internships, and Information Sessions (MIPs).

On-Site Mediation: we have mediators available at the Brampton courthouse 5 days a week and Orangeville courthouse 3 days a week. Our on-site mediators will take cases that are on the court docket that day. Cases are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis unless there is an emergency. There is **no cost** for on-site mediation.

On-site mediations are for matters that can be addressed in two hours or less and are generally limited to custody, access, and child support. In other cases, clients may be referred to **Off-Site Mediation which is subject to a fee.** (on a sliding scale)

Family Law Information Centre (FLIC)

FLIC services are available in family courts across Ontario. At the FLIC you can find information about separation and divorce and related family law issues, family justice services, alternative forms of dispute resolution, local community resources and court processes.

Information and Referral Coordinators (IRCs) are available at designated times to help you understand your needs and to make referrals to appropriate services. IRCs can give you information about family mediation and other ways to solve your issues without going to court.

How Does the Mediation Service Work?

Referral: You may be referred by a judge, Information and Referral Coordinator, your lawyer, duty counsel, or you may visit or call us on your own.

Intake: The first step is to meet with us to learn more about mediation. We will ask some background questions and determine which mediation service you are financially eligible for.

Screening & Mediation: The mediator may be available to meet with you that day. If not, you will be contacted to make an appointment for mediation.

The mediator will meet with **each party separately** before the mediation begins. All cases are carefully **screened** to ensure they are appropriate for mediation. The mediation may take two to six hours.

Agreements: If an agreement is reached, the mediator may prepare a Mediation Report, outlining the resolution.

BENEFITS OF MEDIATION

- Minimizes disruption
- More control over final outcome
- Promotes cooperation between parents
- Affordable fees split between both parties
- Reduction of emotional stress and conflicts
- Decisions are made between two loving parents rather than someone else.