



Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan



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Subject: **Friend of the Court Parent Education Program**

Detroit, MI- Wayne County Friend of the Court is teaming with Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center to provide a new Parent Education Program, with the goal of educating parents about the Friend of the Court and how mediation may help parents resolve disputes and issues regarding their children and parenting.

The Program will be presented virtually by Dispute Resolution Center staff. Parents can expect to learn about how a case moves through the Friend of the Court, how to get information about their Friend of the Court case, along with the ins and outs of mediations and potential benefits of utilizing mediation for dispute resolution.

The Program will be held on Zoom every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., beginning on May 10, 2022. There is no pre-registration required. Participants can simply go to www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting ID 848 9315 7647. The Program will run through December of this year.

Anyone with questions about their child support case can call 1-844-785-7593. For further questions about the Parent Education Program, please call the Wayne County Friend of the Court at 313-224-6639.



The Mission of Third Judicial Circuit Court is to provide accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution. **The Third Judicial Circuit** has jurisdiction over Civil, Criminal, and Family matters arising in the County of Wayne. The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket. For more information, visit our website www.3rdcc.org, follow us at Twitter@3rdccorg, and like us on Facebook @3rdccorg.



WAYNE COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER



Presents

Parent Education Program Understanding Friend of the Court and Mediation

Virtual sessions are held every other Tuesday at 6 p.m.

May 10, 24	July 5, 19	Sept 13, 27	Nov 8, 22
June 7, 21	Aug 2, 16, 30	Oct 11, 25	Dec 6, 20

Join online at www.zoom.us/join Meeting ID 848 9315 7647

Who should attend?

- Anyone who:
 - Has a Friend of the Court case
 - Wants more information on Friend of the Court procedures and processes
 - Would like to know about how mediation can help in Friend of the Court Cases

What will I learn about the Friend of the Court?

- Case types the Friend of the Court handles and what the Friend of the Court does
- How a case moves through the Friend of the Court
- Ways to get information about your Friend of the Court case

What is mediation?

- A process involving:
 - Two or more parties involved in dispute or legal disagreement
 - Meeting in a private and confidential place with a trained mediator to help resolve the issues
 - A mediator who is neutral, certified and trained to help promote honest communication to assist parties to come to a mutually acceptable agreement

What are the benefits of mediation?

- More control over the outcome of the dispute
- Equal say in the process
- Preservation of relationships
- Fosters compromise

**** Mediators do not give legal advice****

**The Parent Education Program is a collaboration between
Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center and Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan.**