



MANITOWOC COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

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REQUEST FOR COURT ORDERED MEDIATION SERVICES

If you are experiencing difficulties with custody or physical placement (visitation) with your minor child(ren), Wisconsin law provides that you first attempt to mediate your differences prior to the Court hearing your dispute.

However, mediation will not be ordered if the mediation session will cause undue hardship or would endanger the health or safety of one of the parties for the following reasons:

- 1. That a party engaged in abuse of the child.**
- 2. Interspousal battery or domestic abuse.**
- 3. That either party has a significant problem with alcohol or drug abuse.**
- 4. Any other evidence indicating that a party's health or safety will be endangered by attending the session.**

The purpose of mediation is to help parents learn how to develop their own solutions to their placement issues. The focus of mediation is to reach an agreement, or plan, which will be in the best interest of your child(ren). If you are unable to reach an agreement or fail to abide by the schedules established in mediation, you may then be advised to file a motion with the Court for judicial determination of your disputed issues.

The form necessary to initiate the mediation process is attached. Please complete the attached form and return it to the Family Court Commissioner's office or to the Clerk of Court office electronically, if you are an electronic filed party. You will be notified by mail of your mediation.

Family Mediation will be referred to the Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay. **Your mediation appointment may be conducted via an online Zoom meeting or a telephone conference call.**

FEES: Each party shall pay \$100.00 to the Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay after you are ordered to mediation.

Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A: _____
Respondent/Joint Petitioner B: _____

Enter the name of the county in which this case is filed.	STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MANITOWOC COUNTY
Check marriage or paternity. If paternity, enter initials of child.	IN RE: THE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> PATERNITY OF _____ Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A
Enter the name of the Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A.	Name (First, Middle and Last) _____
Enter the name of the Respondent/ Joint Petitioner B.	and Respondent/Joint Petitioner B
Enter the case number.	Name (First, Middle and Last) _____

**Request for
Court Ordered Mediation**
Case No. _____

Party requesting mediation:

Enter your name, address, and phone numbers.	Name _____ Address _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone [Day] _____ [Evening] _____ Relationship to <input type="checkbox"/> Parent child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Other person with court ordered placement: _____
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Describe the problems you are experiencing with the current physical placement or legal custody order. Add additional pages if necessary.	I request court ordered mediation to help resolve the following problems with legal custody and/or physical placement: _____ _____
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Other Party(ies):

Enter the other party(ies) name, address, and phone numbers.	Name _____ Address _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone [Day] _____ [Evening] _____ For additional parties, <input type="checkbox"/> See attached.
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Check box if applicable.	There <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> is not a concern for personal safety. There <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> is not a pending criminal case involving the parties.
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Check box if no other contact order exists or is on does exist, enter the county or state and type of case.	<input type="checkbox"/> Another no contact order between the petitioner and the respondent <input type="checkbox"/> does not exist or the petitioner does not know or is uncertain as to whether another no contact order exists. <input type="checkbox"/> does exist. County or State: [If not Wisconsin] _____ Type of Case: _____
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Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A: _____
Respondent/Joint Petitioner B: _____

UNDERSTANDINGS

- I understand that mediation is not a court hearing.
- I understand that I may need to file a motion before further court proceedings will be scheduled if we are not able to settle our disagreements in mediation.
- **I understand I must send a copy of this request to the other party(ies).**

Sign and print your name.
Enter the date on which you signed your name.
Note: This signature does not need to be notarized.

▶ _____
Signature

Print or Type Name

Address

Email Address Telephone Number

Date State Bar No. (if any)

DEFINITIONS:

Interspousal battery §940.19 or 940.20(1m):

940.19 Battery; substantial battery; aggravated battery. (1) Whoever causes bodily harm to another by an act done with intent to cause bodily harm to that person or another without the consent of the person so harmed...

940.20(1m) Battery by persons subject to certain injunctions. (a) Any person who is subject to an injunction under s.813.12 or a tribal injunction filed under s. 806.247(3) and who intentionally causes bodily harm to the petitioner who sought the injunction by an act done without the consent of the petitioner is guilty of a Class I felony.

(b) Any person who is subject to an injunction under s.813.125 and who intentionally causes bodily harm to the petitioner who sought the injunction by an act done without the consent of the petitioner is guilty of a Class I felony.

Domestic abuse §813.12(1)(am): “Domestic abuse” means any of the following engaged in by an adult family member or adult household member against another adult family member or adult household member, by an adult caregiver against an adult who is under the caregiver’s care, by an adult against his or her adult former spouse, by an adult against an adult with whom the individual has or had a dating relationship, or by an adult against an adult with whom the person has a child in common:

1. Intentional infliction of physical pain, physical injury or illness.
2. Intentional impairment of physical condition
3. A violation of s. 940.225(1), (2), or (3). (First, Second or Third Degree Sexual Assault)
5. A violation of s. 943.01, involving property that belongs to the individual (Intentional damage to physical property of another).
6. A threat to engage in the conduct under subd. 1., 2., 3., or 5.