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- you will have a say in the solution—and you understand the situation the best;
- a court-approved mediator will guide the discussions to assure safety and respect for both parties;
- the process is voluntary and confidential;
- mediation may provide a swifter solution than a case filed in Court.
- you can still go to court if mediation doesn't work.

When you come to court, the judge will ask if you want to try mediation. Think about it – it might be right for you.

*If you have questions about mediation,
either before or after filing
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- Mediation costs less than litigation.
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- Mediation provides a neutral and safe space for the individuals involved in the disagreement to work together to create their own mutually agreeable solutions.
- Mediation allows each individual time to explain why they are involved and what they need others to hear as well as the opportunity listen to others.
- Mediation is confidential; what is said in mediation stays in mediation.
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