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#### **Mediation**

Mediation is an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process in which a trained neutral mediator facilitates communication between the parties. Without deciding the issues or imposing a solution on the parties, a mediator enables them to understand and reach a mutually agreeable resolution to their dispute. It helps the parties understand and identify their needs, overlapping interests and any areas of agreement.

In Virginia using a mediation process is voluntary. The mediation process is confidential and used in many proceedings.

Courts in Virginia offer a variety of <u>dispute resolution services</u>. Some of these services may be available at no cost. The Judicial Services Department of the state court administrator's office <u>hosts a general directory</u> of private providers. They also offer a link to <u>Resolution Virginia</u>. Your <u>local court</u> or <u>local law library</u> may offer more information about mediators in your area.

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