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### **Contemplating a Divorce? Mediate and save Time, Money and Grief!**

**Bloomfield Hills, Michigan...**Dealing with decisions surrounding a divorce can be complicated, overwhelming and stressful. Where litigation often tears families apart, mediation works to preserve and improve relationships through communication. Often times in the battle of divorce the child(ren) is overlooked. Mediation however brings focus to the best interests of the child(ren) and works with parents to comprise a mutually agreeable and workable resolution.

Mediation is a private and calm process where individuals in dispute have the opportunity to be heard, share different points of view, brainstorm options, and negotiate a resolution that meets everyone's needs. The neutral mediator facilitates communication and promotes voluntary decision making as the parties work through the mediation process. The mediator is not an advocate, judge, jury, counselor, or therapist, and does not provide legal advice, determine who is right or wrong, take sides, or make a decision. **Parties are truly empowered to retain control of decision making as they work together to design their own resolution.**

Oakland Mediation Center's highly experienced divorce mediators will help you to discuss your concerns, explore options and find acceptable solutions to issues involving: parenting time; financial support; health and life insurance; marital home and real estate; household goods; personal property; bank accounts and other assets; and outstanding debts.

#### **Why Choose Mediation?**

**Time**-Mediations take place within a couple of weeks, at a time that works for everyone and only last two to four hours.

**Money**-Fees are very low and are waived for those who are indigent.

**Grief**-Mediation helps parties to preserve or improve relationships for success in the future. 70% of cases mediate to agreement and 90% comply with the mediation agreement.

**Privacy**-Only those directly related to the situation participate in the mediation process in a private setting.

**Quality Mediators**-All mediators are highly trained, meeting or exceeding the qualifications of the State Court Administrative Office and have many hours of experience.

*"OMC's mission is to help the community peacefully resolve conflict through mediation and education,"* said Bonnie Hanes, OMC Executive Director. *"Mediation is a powerful process for helping families to preserve and improve their relationships and look to the future. By helping people resolve conflict, we are creating a more peaceful community."*

For more information about OMC's Divorce Mediation Program or to open a case, please contact Camelia Ureche, General Manager at [cureche@mediation-omc.org](mailto:cureche@mediation-omc.org) or 248-338-4280, ext. 211.

*Oakland Mediation Center is a private non-profit organization that has served the community since 1989 by providing mediation services for individuals, businesses, courts, schools and agencies; 40-hour Civil, Domestic and Advanced Mediator training as well as conflict resolution, peer mediation, bullying prevention/intervention, and restorative practices in schools. Visit OMC's web site at [www.mediation-omc.org](http://www.mediation-omc.org).*

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