

If you want to volunteer at a community mediation center near you:

- ❖ Call or email to contact staff and explain how you would like to volunteer. Be patient. In many instances, Centers are understaffed.
- ❖ Find out what kind of mediation is done by the Center. Not all programs in Tennessee mediate the same kinds of cases.
- ❖ Ask whether you will need any training specific to the mediation center's programs. Even if you have received Rule 31 mediation training, you may need additional training in specific policies, protocols, and forms.
- ❖ Ask if the Center maintains a list of Rule 31 mediators who are willing to mediate cases *pro bono*, pursuant to Rule 38.
- ❖ Tell others in your community about the mediation center. Volunteer to speak to civic & neighborhood groups to promote volunteer mediation.

There is a statutory immunity which covers mediation center volunteers, TCA 16-20-101 et seq., but a center may have its own coverage for its mediators.

Community mediation centers are dedicated to providing mediation services and training, regardless of ability to pay, with priority given to those who cannot afford to pay full fees. All community mediation centers rely on public monies as well as private donations and grants.

Besides mediation of disputes, community mediation centers may offer a wide range of services to area businesses, schools, community groups, and individuals. Our expertise includes such topics as mediation and conflict management training, educational presentations, and mediation and facilitation services.

Some organizations that refer people to community mediation centers include:

- General Sessions Court, both Criminal & Civil Sessions
- Juvenile Courts: Delinquent, Status Offenders, Never-married parents
- Divorce Courts: Chancery & Circuit
- Offices of the District Attorneys General
- Legal Aid offices
- Bar Associations
- Private law offices & firms
- Police & Sheriff's Departments
- Child Support Enforcement Services
- Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Neighborhood organizations
- Social Service agencies
- Non-profit Organizations & other small businesses

Volunteer Community Mediation Centers in Tennessee 2009



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