PARENTING PLAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND EARLY RESOLUTION PROGRAM MEDIATION AGREEMENT

I understand and agree to all of the following statements:

1. We both participate in mediation voluntarily. We will make an effort to reach agreement. However, if mediation is not helpful, either of us can choose to return to court and ask the judge to decide.
2. Some cases require more than one session. We agree to attend all scheduled sessions.
3. Usually, the mediator speaks to both parents at the same time during a session. The mediator may also talk alone with parents, but whatever a parent says is private unless they agree to share it with the other parent.
4. The mediator:
   - will try to help us reach our own agreement
   - will keep our discussions confidential
   - will help us write up our agreement
   - may notify the proper authorities if there is a report of child abuse or neglect or a threat of harm to the other parent or another person
5. The mediator will not:
   - give legal advice to either parent
   - tell us what we should do
   - testify in court about anything said or done in the session
   - provide notes or draft agreements used in the session for use in our hearing or trial
   - act as a counselor/therapist, but may ask about a child's needs or whether a parenting plan can work
6. Nobody can record a mediation session.
7. If we reach an agreement, we may sign and file the agreement with the court. The agreement will become part of the court record. I understand that before I sign any agreement we reach in mediation, I am free to hire or talk to a lawyer to review the agreement and give me legal advice.
8. Nothing that we say or do in mediation is part of our agreement unless we put it in writing and both sign it. The mediator will notify the court if we do not reach agreement.
9. Neither of us may testify at our hearing or trial about anything said or done in mediation, except to tell the judge about our written agreement.
10. We understand that the court provides us with a limited number of dispute resolution hours at no charge. If we want more time than is allowed, or we want to try to resolve the property and debt division, there may be a fee for the additional time. The mediator will tell us if we have reached the end of our free hours. We will not be charged a fee unless the parents and mediator discuss it first and agree to continue.

The mediator has reviewed this agreement with us, and we agree with all its terms.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent A Signature	Date	Parent B Signature	Date

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Mediator Signature   Date

The court mediation program is supported by a grant that requires us to collect some information about the parents. Our free program could not continue without this grant. The information is used only for the mandatory grant report. It is reported for the program as a whole, without your name or case number. Thank you for providing the following information:

Parent A est. annual income	☐ Under $10,000 ☐ $10,000 - $19,999 ☐ $20,000 - $29,999 ☐ $30,000 - $39,999 ☐ $40,000+
Parent B est. annual income	☐ Under $10,000 ☐ $10,000 - $19,999 ☐ $20,000 - $29,999 ☐ $30,000 - $39,999 ☐ $40,000+
Parent A race/ethnicity	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Middle Eastern or North African ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Two or more races ☐ Other
Parent B race/ethnicity	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Middle Eastern or North African ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Two or more races ☐ Other
CSED order/application	☐ Yes (CSED currently collecting support or a party submitted an application for services) ☐ No