

Advantages in Attending Family Dispute Resolution

- An opportunity to reach your own agreements
- A cost effective way of resolving the issues in dispute (financially and emotionally)
- A quicker process than court involvement
- Confidentiality is protected
- A respectful process

From 1 July 2008 changes to the Family Law system made Family Dispute Resolution a requirement before you can apply to the court for Parenting Orders, this includes applications seeking changes to existing Parenting Orders.

There are however some exceptions to this. It is recommended to seek legal advice if you believe exceptions may apply.

Fee for Service

Centacare Family Dispute Resolution Service is partly funded by the Federal Government. As this funding does not cover all costs, a fee may be charged. Please contact Centacare for a schedule of fees.

We look forward to being of assistance to you.

Family Dispute Resolution

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Mount Gambier, 13 Penola Rd
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Services also available at:
Murray Bridge, 55 Adelaide Road
Salisbury, Emmaus House, 33 Carey Street

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A Child Safe Organisation

Centacare has an ongoing commitment to building and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation.



Statement regarding the traditional owners of the land.

For thousands of years Aboriginal people have walked on this land, in their country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Aboriginal people and their stewardship and spiritual connection with their lands.



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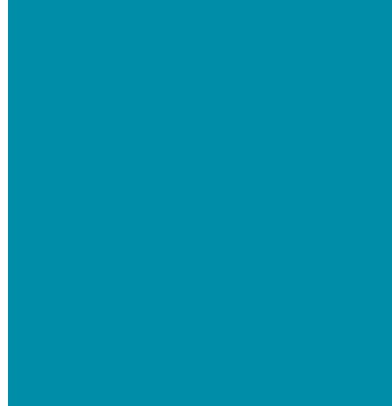
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Solutions for families living separately and their children



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For Separated Families in Dispute

Parents and children who are living apart often have to deal with the stress of the breakdown of the family as well as making difficult decisions about parenting/care arrangements and/or division of property. Family Dispute Resolution provides mediation as an alternative way to resolving disputes and can avoid the financial and emotional costs of becoming involved in legal action.

Family Dispute Resolution

Family Dispute Resolution is a form of mediation managed by accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners.

The Practitioner guides the process of discussion, remains impartial and facilitates those in dispute to reach their own agreements.

Families and Children

Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners can help parents and children to resolve the issues in dispute such as who the child lives with and who the child spends time with as well as other parenting/care arrangements. Grandparents and other significant parties may also use the service. The needs and interests of the child/ren are central to any agreements reached.

Child Inclusive Practice

Centacare offers a child inclusive service. This means a Child Consultant may speak with the child/ren with the consent of both parents and as deemed appropriate by the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner. This process avoids involving the child in disputes between parents and aims at providing the parents with feedback regarding what the child is thinking and how they are feeling at this point in time.

Property

Family Dispute Resolution is an effective way of resolving disputes over property and reaching agreements about how to divide property.

Safety

If your safety is of concern discuss this with the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner to make special arrangements to ensure your safety is not compromised while attending appointments.

Confidentiality

With the exception of safety concerns and abuse against children, pre mediation and mediation sessions are confidential as per the Family Law Act or other relevant legislation.