

Parent Education & Mediation Fund (PEMF) Grant Recipients **(July 2020 - June 2021)**

The Tennessee Legislature enacted Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Tennessee Code Annotated to promote continuing parenting arrangements for families involved in divorce, legal separation, annulment, or separate maintenance proceedings, and for families that are involved in any other custody matters. Such arrangements reinforce the fundamental importance of the parent-child relationship to the welfare of the child. The Tennessee Legislature established the Divorcing Parent Education and Mediation Fund (T.C.A. § 6-6-413) to help parents receive the necessary education and alternative dispute resolution services.

West Tennessee

Community Legal Center – Memphis Serving Shelby County

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Community Legal Center offers legal assistance through a Pro-Se Divorce Clinic in the Shelby County Courthouse to Self-Represented Litigants filing for divorce with minor children. CLC provides access to the courts to those who cannot afford an attorney in family law matters through limited legal representation. CLC also provides community and parent education.

Kindred Place – Memphis Serving Shelby County

Jennifer Balink, Executive Director
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Memphis, TN 38104
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Phone: (901) 276-2200

Kindred Place provides mediation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis to parties referred to the Center by the Shelby County courts. This program also provides information and assistance with the parenting plans to low income and indigent parents attending court-mandated divorce/co-parenting workshops.

Le Dujour H.E.R.O. Village of the Mid-South, Inc. – Memphis Serving Shelby County

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Le Dujour provides parent education sessions centered on resolving family conflict and promoting the parent-child relationship for parties and the community in Shelby County.

Madison County Juvenile Court - Jackson
Serving Madison County

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This program conducts legal clinics to help self-represented parents develop a parenting plan in an effort to reduce adversarial proceedings and family conflict. Madison County also provides parental education for families referred by the court.

The Women's Advocacy Center – Collierville
Serving Shelby County

R. Romona Jackson, Executive Director
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Phone: (901) 896-9055

This program provides parent education classes with an emphasis on domestic violence in Shelby County.

Tomorrow's Hope PMC – Paris
Serving Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, and Henry Counties

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Tomorrow's Hope provides the Breakthrough Parenting Program Class in English and Spanish at no cost to low income and indigent parties to help resolve family conflict in divorce, post-divorce, and other custody matters in the 24th Judicial District's Juvenile, Chancery, and Circuit Courts. This program also serves those currently incarcerated in the Henry County jail through parent education events.

Middle Tennessee

The Family Center - Nashville Serving Davidson County

Yolanda Vaughn, Director
139 Thompson Lane
Nashville, TN 37211

<https://www.familycentertn.org/>

Phone: (615) 333-2644

The Family Center provides Positive Parenting skills classes at no or low cost to low income and indigent parents going through a divorce or other custody issue, including never married parents going through custody disputes in the 20th Judicial District. This program will also promote awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) by administering the ACE Questionnaire and the Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory.

Kymari House - Murfreesboro Serving Cannon and Rutherford Counties

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Phone: (615) 956-6106

Kymari House provides parent education and administers a court-ordered supervised, therapeutic visitation program for low income and indigent parties going through a divorce or other custody matter in the 16th or 20th Judicial Districts Juvenile and Circuit Courts.

The Mediation Center - Columbia Serving Maury County

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Columbia, TN 38401

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This program administers a Mediator of the Day program in Maury County Juvenile and Chancery Courts to provide mediation for indigent self-represented litigants, both married and never married, in custody matters in the 22nd Judicial District.

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center - Nashville Serving Davidson, Montgomery, Robertson, Wilson, Rutherford, and Williamson Counties

Sara Figal, Executive Director
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NCRC provides mediation services for low income and indigent parties with minor children experiencing a divorce, post-divorce, or other custody issue in the 20th Judicial District. NCRC also provides community education and parenting education, including parenting education on the rights of parents in the Parenting

Plan.

**Williamson County Juvenile Court - Franklin
Serving Williamson County**

Chris Holz, Assistant Director

408 Century Court

Franklin, TN 37064

<https://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/225/Juvenile-Court-Services>

Phone: 615-790-5812

Williamson County Juvenile Court serves as a direct referral source for Erika's Safe Place to assist parties with court-ordered supervised visitation seeking an increase in parenting time.

East Tennessee

Community Mediation Center – Knoxville

Serving Knox County

Jackie Kittrell, Executive Director

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Knoxville, TN 37902

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Phone: (865) 594-1879

Community Mediation Center provides intake and domestic violence screening services for parties who are voluntarily entering mediation or required to participate in mediation according to Parenting Plan Law in the 6th Judicial District. CMC also recruits Rule 31 mediators to provide these services, coordinates mediations, and provides Parent Education Courses.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee – Cleveland

Serving Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties

Cathy Allshouse

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Knoxville, TN 37902

<https://www.laet.org/contact-us/>

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LAET develops and maintains Parenting Plan packets for self-represented litigants available through the clerks of the court in the 10th Judicial District. LAET also reviews divorce filings by self-represented litigants with minor children for legal adequacy and appropriateness with Parenting Plan requirements.

East Tennessee (continued)

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, Inc. Center for Family Connections - Chattanooga Serving Hamilton County

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Center for Family Connections facilitates supervised visitation for low income and indigent parties, including those with a history of domestic violence, at no or low cost to help resolve family conflict in divorce, post-divorce, or other custody issues in the 11th Judicial District. CFC also provide Parent Education classes for the Hamilton County Circuit and Chancery Courts

Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC - Chattanooga Serving Hamilton County

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PDRS provides advanced Parenting Plan and Community Education to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the parenting plan process in the Court System. PDRS also provides mediation and Parenting Plan services in Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

Solomon Family Solutions - Cleveland Serving Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties

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Solomon Family Solutions collaborates with local attorneys to conduct monthly seminars in the 10th Judicial District at no cost to educate self-represented litigants about family mediation, parenting plans, and requirements for completion of the 4-hour parenting class for divorcing parents. Solomon also provides low cost mediation and supervised visitation services.