

## **Parent Education & Mediation Fund (PEMF) Grant Recipients (July 2017 - June 2018)**

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. In order to help parents receive the necessary education and alternative dispute resolution services, the Tennessee Legislature established the Divorcing Parent Education and Mediation Fund (T.C.A. § 6-6-413).

### **West Tennessee**

#### **The Exchange Club Family Center of the Mid-South, Inc. – Memphis serving Shelby County**

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This program provides mediations services and supervised visitation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis to low income and indigent parties in the 30th Judicial District when one parent is ordered by the court to have all visits with the children closely monitored by professional staff. This program also provides information and assistance with the parenting plans to low income and indigent parents attending court-mandated divorce/co-parenting workshop. This program provides mediation services at no or low cost to parents referred to the Center by the Shelby County courts who are going through a divorce or other custody dispute.

#### **Le Dujour H.E.R.O. Village of the Mid-South, Inc. - Memphis serving Shelby County**

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This program will provide parent education sessions centered around resolving family conflict and promoting the parent-child relationship for parties in Shelby County.

#### **Madison County Juvenile Court - Jackson serving Madison County**

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This program is administered by a Pro Se Specialist who assists self-represented parents, referred by the 26th Judicial District child support offices, in developing and filing parenting plans, custody agreements, and visitation agreements in order to reduce adversarial proceedings and increase financial security for parents and children. This program also provides self-represented parties with resources including forms, community resource information, as well as referrals to DHS offices, pro bono attorneys, and pro bono or reduced fee mediators.

**Tomorrow's Hope PMC – Paris  
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This program provides a Breakthrough Parenting Program Class in English and Spanish at no cost to those parties that are low income and indigent only in order to help resolve family conflict in divorce, post-divorce, and other custody matters in the 24th Judicial District, including serving inmates in the Henry County jail.

**Training Resolved, LLC – Greater Memphis  
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This program administers a pro bono mediation clinic for low income and indigent parties with minor children to help resolve family conflict in divorce, post-divorce, and other custody matters in the 30th Judicial District. This program will also provide Rule 31 training for bilingual professionals.

**Middle Tennessee**

**The Family Center - Nashville  
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This program 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 as well as the Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory.

**Kymari House - Murfreesboro  
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This program administers a court-ordered supervised, therapeutic visitation program for low income and indigent parties going through a divorce or other custody matters in the 16th Judicial District.

**Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland (12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Districts) serving Bedford, Coffee, Grundy, Franklin, Lincoln, Moore, and Warren Counties**

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This program provides legal services for low-income domestic and sexual assault victims who have minor children and are involved in establishing, modifying, or enforcing parenting plans or divorces in the 12th, 14th, 17th, and 31st Judicial Districts, specifically Grundy, Franklin, Coffee, Bedford, Lincoln, Moore, and Warren Counties.

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This program administers a Mediator of the Day program in Maury County Juvenile and Chancery Courts to assist indigent self-represented litigants in custody matters in the 22nd Judicial District.

**Medi8Resolution Center – Clarksville serving Montgomery and Stewart Counties**

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This program provides mediation services to low income parents including divorce, post-divorce, parenting plans, and other child custody matters in Montgomery and Stewart Counties. This program will also provide parent education classes for parents entering a Parenting Plan in Montgomery and Stewart Counties.

**Mid South Mediation Services – Hohenwald serving Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Perry, Wayne, and Williamson**

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This program provides parenting education seminars to never-married, low income and indigent parents as well as military servicemembers going through custody disputes. This program also provides intake, screening, and mediation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis to low income parties, indigent parties, and military servicemembers in the 21st Judicial District and surrounding districts for parties participating in mediation due to the Parenting Plan Law. This program also administers a Mediator of the Day program in Williamson County by providing a Rule 31 Listed Mediator in Juvenile and General Sessions Courts in order to promote parent education classes and mediation services.

**Nashville Conflict Resolution Center - Nashville  
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This program provides mediation services for low income and indigent parties with minor children going through a divorce, post-divorce, or other custody issue in the 20th Judicial District.

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Williamson County Juvenile Court will serve as a direct referral source for Erika's Safe Place to ensure parties in Williamson County Juvenile Court with court-ordered supervised visitation receive an increase in parenting time. Erika's Safe Place and will provide the court with feedback on the effectiveness and frequency of the visits.

**East Tennessee**

**Community Mediation Center – Knoxville  
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This program provides intake and domestic violence screening services for all parties identified in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who are voluntarily entering mediation or required to participate in mediation according to Parenting Plan Law. This program administers these services to and/or on behalf of low income and indigent self-represented clients. This program recruits Rule 31 mediators and coordinates mediations and Parent Education Courses.

**Legal Aid of East Tennessee – Cleveland  
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This program maintains Parenting Plan packets for self-represented litigants available through the clerks of the court and reviews divorce filings for legal adequacy and appropriateness with Parenting Plan requirements for self-represented litigants with minor children the 10th Judicial District.

**Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, Inc.'s Family Connections - Chattanooga serving Hamilton County**

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This program 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 issue in the 11th Judicial District.

**Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC – Chattanooga serving Hamilton County**

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This program conducts educational workshops for self-represented divorcing or never married parents regarding the legal requirements for child support, parental behavior in the best interests of the child, and the Parenting Plan form. This program will also provide free or reduced registration fee Rule 31 Family Mediation Training to bilingual professionals. The program will also provide as a Professionals' Guide to the Mediation Process course to educate professionals who work with divorcing and never-married parents about mediation and Parenting Plans.

**Solomon Family Solutions serving Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk**

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This program 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. At the seminars, information will be provided on Solomon Family Solutions' services that include income based and pro bono family mediation services to assist families develop Parenting Plans and Solomon Family Solutions' Court-Approved 4 Hour Parenting Class for Divorcing Parents, which is provided for a nominal fee. Information will also be provided regarding supervised visitation and how it is an important resource for families experiencing domestic violence or other issues surrounding safety concerns. Local attorneys will be present to answer any legal questions that attendees may have.