

**WAC 388-891A-0225 What is mediation?** (1) Mediation is a process in which a trained mediator conducts a meeting with you and DVR representative, usually your DVR counselor, to help you settle a disagreement.

- (a) The mediator does not work for DVR.
- (b) The mediator does not make decisions about your case.
- (c) Mediation is voluntary for all parties.

(2) During mediation:

- (a) Each party presents information or evidence;
- (b) The mediator reviews and explains the laws that apply; and
- (c) The mediator helps you and the DVR representative reach an agreement, if possible.

(3) You may ask someone to represent you during the mediation, including a CAP representative, however, you must be present.

(4) Agreements you and DVR reach through mediation are not legally binding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.29.020(8) and 34 C.F.R., Parts 361, 363, 397. WSR 18-12-035, § 388-891A-0225, filed 5/29/18, effective 6/30/18.]