

# Child Welfare, Family, Juvenile Restorative Justice Overview

## Child Welfare Conferencing

Program	Description	To Initiate / Funding
<b>Pre-hearing Conference</b> (PHC) - Initial Removal	At initial protective custody hearing, a brief (30-45 minutes) day-of-court, facilitated conference is used to address key preliminary safety and permanency issues with parents, DHHS, attorneys, GALs, and sometimes CASA.	Court Ordered / ODR (Office of Dispute Resolution)
<b>Pre-hearing Conference Permanency Review Conference</b> (PHPR)	Optimally scheduled <b>60 days prior to a 12-month permanency review</b> hearing, this facilitated conference requires parents, DHHS, attorneys, and GALs to address critical progress for reunification or other permanency decisions, and develop action steps for the future of the children.	Court Ordered / ODR
<b>Pre-hearing Termination of Parental Rights Conference</b> (PHTPR)	Scheduled <b>once a motion has been filed</b> , this facilitated conference requires parents, foster/adoptive parents, and professionals to address critical permanency issues for the child/ren and determine next steps, including the considerations of relinquishment or a contested trial.	Court Ordered / ODR
<b>Family Group Conference</b> (CW - FGC) - any stage	A research-based, family-centered approach that <b>may be used at any stage</b> of the child welfare process. Center staff with specialized training engage with immediate and extended family members and other support persons, as well as the network of professionals to prepare for the FGC. During the FGC, the team creates a plan for permanency and addresses issues related to safety, welfare and well-being of the child/ren. Private family time is utilized as an essential component of the process.	Court Ordered -or- Court Connected (an active court case) / ODR
<b>Child Welfare Mediation</b> (CWM) - any stage	A small mediation between two parties to work on solving problems that are a barrier to the child/ren's and family's progress in the case (e.g., parent and foster parent, parent and a professional, etc.)	Court Ordered -or- Court Connected (an active court case) / ODR
<b>Child Welfare Facilitation</b> (CWF) - any stage	A flexible multi-party facilitated meeting with parents and key stakeholders to unravel conflicts and set a better course direction for the child, parents, and caregivers. This process can be beneficial at different times through the course of the child welfare case, especially when the issues do not rise to the level of needing a Family Group Conference.	Court Ordered -or- Court Connected (an active court case) / ODR

## Family Mediation

Program	Description	To Initiate / Funding
<b>Parenting Plan</b>	Trained mediators work with both parents to assist them in developing a parenting plan that meet the best interests of the child/ren.	- Client paid - sliding fee scale - Juv. Court Bridge Order / ODR
<b>Special Education</b>	Specially trained mediators assist parents and school personnel to resolve disagreements, including issues regarding identification, evaluation, and educational placement.	Parent Complaint -or- School Referral / Nebraska Department of Education

Unsure of the appropriate service?  
 Contact your local mediation center for an assessment.  
 (Contact information on reverse side.)

# Child Welfare, Family, Juvenile Restorative Justice Overview

## Juvenile/Restorative Justice Conferencing

### Program

### Description

### To Initiate / Funding

**Victim Youth Conference**  
(VYC) - *May also be termed: Restorative Justice Dialogue (RJD), Victim Offender Mediation (VOM), or Victim Offender Conference (VOC)*

An evidence-based facilitated dialogue between a youth who caused harm and the victim. This restorative justice process begins with individual private meetings to determine appropriateness and process — joint conference, use of a surrogate, or relay. The facilitators assist the parties to identify the impacts of the youth's actions, and the needs of the youth, and how to address the harms of the victim and community. Results include reduced recidivism and high percentage of youth completing the terms of the reparation agreement.

- Court Connected or Court Ordered (pre-adjudication) / ODR  
- School, Pre-Diversion, Diversion / County-based funds or grant funds, if available  
- Probation Order (post-adjudication) / Probation

**Truancy or Absenteeism Conference**

A facilitated dialogue for students who have 5 or more absences and are at risk or already court involved. Participants usually include the youth, their parents/guardians, and school representatives. The goal of the conference is to learn the cause for the absences, and to collaborate on a plan to ameliorate those factors to help the youth be successful in school.

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- School, Pre-Diversion, Diversion / County-based funds or grant funds, if available  
- Probation Order (post-adjudication) / Probation

**Expedited Family Group Conference (EFGC)**

An expedited and limited-scope facilitated planning meeting that engages the family and professionals to address immediate placement issues for a youth.

- Probation Order (post-adjudication) / Probation

**Juvenile Justice Mediation**  
(JJM)

Generally a one-on-one mediation between family members and providers, or family members themselves (youth and parents/guardians) to work on solving problems that are a barrier to a youth's success.

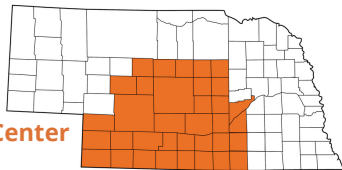
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**Juvenile Justice Facilitation**  
(JJF)

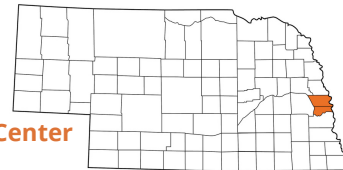
A flexible multi-party facilitation convening youth, parents/guardians, and key stakeholders to unravel conflicts and set a better course direction for the youth. A JJF can be used strategically at different times prior to a court filing and throughout the court case outside of scheduled court hearings.

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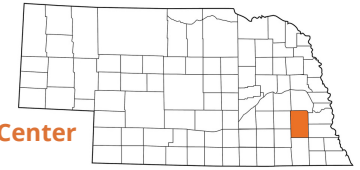
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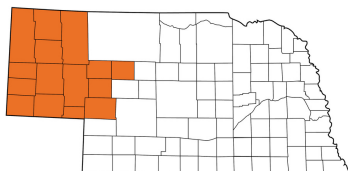
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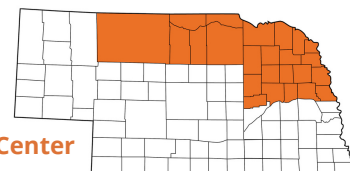
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