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Overview of the Statewide
Court-Connect Community-Based
Early Settlement Mediation Program

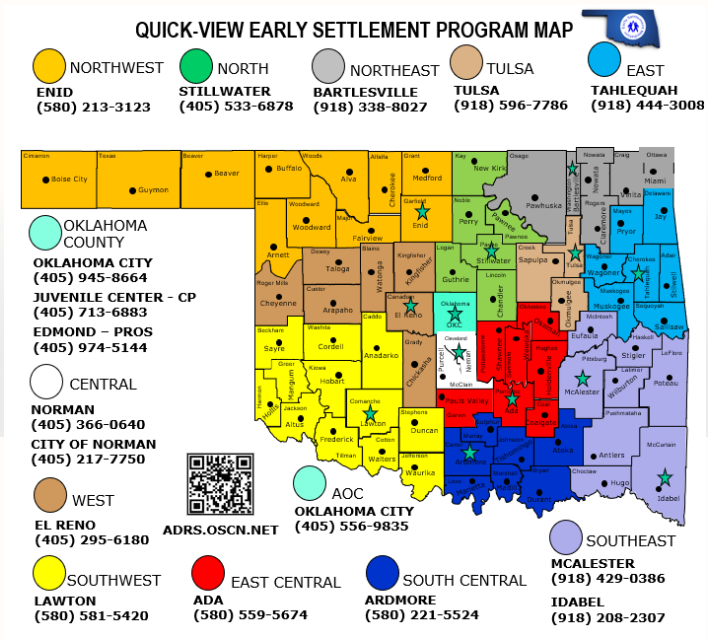
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Nationally Recognized Model



- Thirteen (13) Regionally Based Early Settlement Offices Providing **FREE** Mediation Services to Oklahomans in all 77 Counties.
- Two (2) Child Permanency Program Offices which are located in Oklahoma City & Tulsa.
- Fourteen (14) State Agency Programs
- NEW School-Based Peer Mediation Program providing **FREE** services to Oklahoma's Schools

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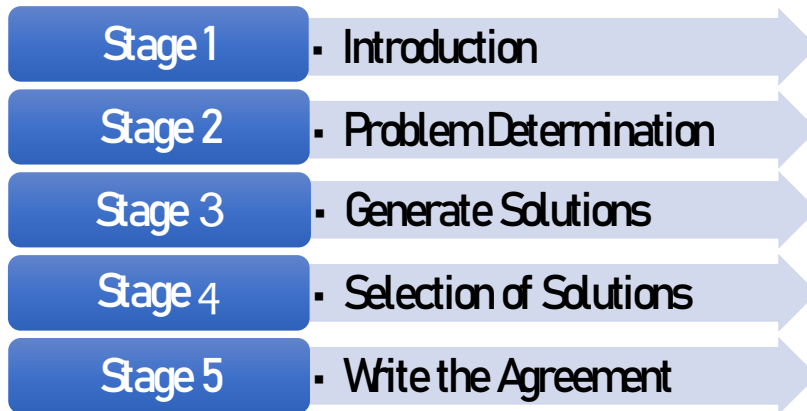
Early Settlement Program Services

- Basic Civil** ▪ Small Claims & Community
- Family/Divorce** ▪ Parties Pre-Screened
- Adult Guardianship** ▪ Disputing Family Interests
- Child Permanency** ▪ Best Interest of the Child
- Peer Mediation** ▪ Set-up Program in Schools

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5 Stage Mediation Process



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Early Settlement VOLUNTEER Mediators



Over 3,000 Community Volunteers Trained

Over 350 Active Volunteers Statewide

Training – Basic Civil 20 hours – Family 40 hours

Child Permanency/Adult Guardianship +8 hours

State Agency Programs
Law School Extern Program

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Becoming a Certified Mediator with Early Settlement



- Selected by the Local Program Director
- Successfully complete the basic training
- Further steps based on your individualized needs.

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Becoming an Early Settlement Volunteer



Available to volunteer 10 hours annually

Apply to the local Early Settlement office

In-Person or Hybrid/Virtual training

Observe a Certified Mediator

Mediate for Certification

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Why Do School Districts Need PROS?

- In 2022, 5.5% of Oklahoma High School Students Dropped Out of School.
- Student Incarceration rates are 78% higher than the average rate for all other states.
- Dropping out of school doubles student's chances of incarceration.
- Suspension Prevention is crucial as suspension doubles a student's chance of dropping out.
- 25,486 Oklahoma students were suspended in 2022.

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- Peer Mediation teaches strategies to young people which allow them to handle conflicts in a positive and constructive manner.
- Students learn to use conflict as a positive force that can lessen the detrimental effects of conflicts and increase social skills and personal self-image.
- PROS equips Oklahoma educators to implement peer mediation, collaborating in transforming students into emotionally intelligent and engaged citizens.

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