

**NORTH CAROLINA
HOKE COUNTY**

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**

FILE NO. ____ CVD _____

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

NOTICE OF CUSTODY MEDIATION ORIENTATION

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 50-13.1, Notice is hereby given for the parties to appear for mandatory Orientation to Custody Mediation on:

_____ **at 2:00PM (allow up to 2 hours)**

Hoke County Annex Courthouse
231 N. Main St., Raeford, NC

Your attendance is required for the above date and time. Any party to arrive more than 10 minutes late will not be admitted and will be subject to rescheduling for subsequent orientation date. Only litigants are eligible for program participation. **Do not bring** children, family, friends, personal interpreters, or any other individuals not named in your custody action. Cell phones, computers, and weapons are not permitted in the Courthouse.

PARTIES WHO FAIL TO APPEAR FOR ORIENTATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A \$100 FINE PLUS THE COST OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE PARTY THAT ATTENDED ORIENTATION AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT. (SEE LOCAL FAMILY COURT RULES)

The goal of orientation is to help parties understand the mediation process and foster success in making custody arrangements that are in the best interest of their children. Parties have the opportunity to make informed choices and decisions about how they will parent their children. Mediation provides an efficient, economical alternative to litigation for solving disputes involving the children that emerge following a separation and divorce. Once all parties have met the orientation requirement, a private mediation session between the parties will be scheduled.

If you reside more than 50 miles from the district facility or require the assistance of an interpreter, please notify the Custody Mediation Office **as soon as possible** for accommodation purposes. If you have completed NC Custody Mediation Orientation within the last three years and are able to provide attendance confirmation, you are not required to attend orientation.

Served with Complaint
 Served (Other): _____

Date

Questions may be directed to the Custody Mediation Office:
910-722-5014 DIST29.CustodyMediation@nccourts.org