

Mediation

Mediation is a method of resolving disputes. It involves an independent third party - a mediator - who helps both sides come to an agreement. The role of the mediator is to help parties reach a solution to their problem and to arrive at an outcome that both parties are happy to accept. Mediators avoid taking sides, making judgments or giving guidance. Instead they work hard to create a safe environment and to guide people in a process designed to give them a better mutual understanding of their situation.

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process. It is available to Grays Harbor students at no charge through the Advising and Counseling Center. Melissa Barnes, Director of Advising and Counseling, is a certified community mediator and is available to mediate student disputes by appointment by calling 538-4099.