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## Family/Elder Mediation

The New Mexico Elder Mediation Network provides skilled family facilitation and conflict resolution for Elders and their families, their caretakers and other associations. Elders face unique challenges often involving loss, such as friends and family, financial independence, identity, physical space, health management. Sometimes, elders and their families have difficulty talking about these issues. Often the major transitions that seniors face can cause painful conflict for the seniors and their adult children. There may be disagreements about safety of the parents in their home, care giving responsibilities, wills and estate, the sale of the family home and the parent's ongoing driving.

A trained, objective third party can facilitate families reaching mutually satisfying decisions. In some instances, family roles and unresolved disagreements create serious roadblocks. A mediator skilled in conflict resolution can be of assistance in unraveling these patterns, and reaching agreements, leading to a more supportive environment for family members. Elders and their caregivers may develop misunderstandings which without the assistance of a neutral 3rd party can diminish the necessary trust required by the care-giving, care-receiving relationship. Elder mediation is an efficient and sensitive solution to the complicated elder care decision making process.

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### Details

**Ages:** Adults Seniors/elderly

**Races:** All

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Call Email

**Payment Options:** Fee for service Sliding scale

**Waiting List:** Never

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### Services

Individual & Family Support Services Older Adults

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### Locations

#### Mediation venues

**Phone:** (505) 249-6510

**Languages Spoken:** English Spanish

**Services Limited By Geography:** primarily serving Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, Torrence & Santa Fe counties

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## Parent Organization

### Elder Mediation Network

The purpose of the New Mexico Elder Mediation Network (NMEMN) is to promote the values of the mediation process especially for elders, their families and their caregivers. The NMEMN achieves this purpose by: (a) implementing educational outreach to individuals, community organizations, providers of elder care-giving, faith communities and in other settings; (b) maintaining a roster of qualified elder and/or trans-generational mediators, making this roster available to the public; and (c) creating support and educational opportunities for qualified mediators.

**The New Mexico Elder Mediation Network** is an informal association of skilled experienced mediators who are including in their training special attention to the needs of elders, their families, friends and caregivers. Each member of the network is an individual provider who arranges with the relevant parties to conduct mediation services. Some mediation services involve fees which are set in consultation with the parties involved.

#### **Each mediator is committed to:**

- Adherence to the ethics and standard of behavior as developed and adopted by: The American Arbitration Association, the American Bar Association and the Association for Conflict Resolution.
- Participation in periodic peer review and seminar/trainings related to the field.

*Various Locations*

*Albuquerque, NM 87111*

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