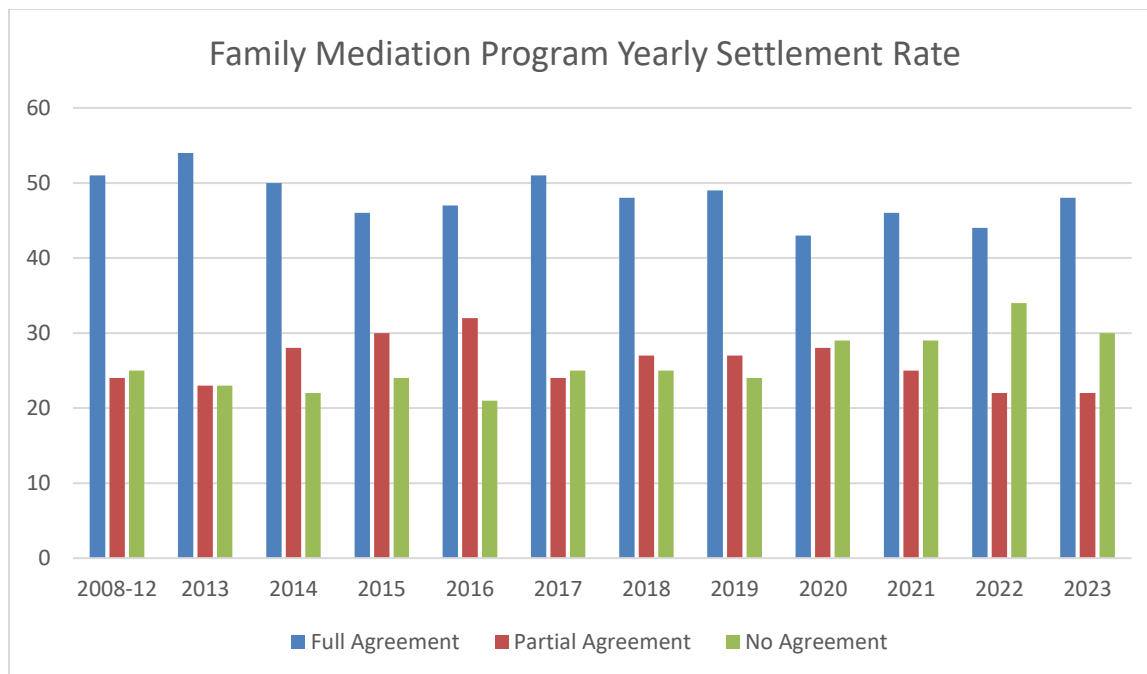


The Family Mediation Program is a statewide program that provides a high quality, impartial, and efficient forum for resolving disputed parental rights and responsibilities, as well as grandparent visitation matters through mediation. As of January 15, 2024, the Family Mediation Program accepted 757 cases into the Program. Data for completed cases indicates 48% reached full agreement, while an additional 22% reached partial agreements for a positive impact on 70% of cases.

We currently have 30 mediators on the Family Mediation Roster.

Family Mediation Cases – January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Total cases referred to the mediation program		1520
Cases rejected or dropped out		763
Custody issues settled prior to mediation	421	
Existence of domestic violence restraining order in case record or domestic violence issues identified	48	
Default divorce	44	
One party incarcerated	12	
Mediation attempted prior to filing divorce action	4	
One or both parties did not comply with order	87	
Parties reconciled	4	
Dismissed	25	
Miscellaneous	118	
Cases accepted into the Family Mediation Program		757
Cases closed as of January 15, 2024		526
Cases still pending as of January 15, 2024		231



Through the Family Mediation Program, the parties are empowered and encouraged to present their concerns to each other face-to-face and come to their own mutual agreements. The parties reduce the expenses and stress of court proceedings, and reduce the emotional toll of conflict. The participants can benefit greatly by preserving the possibility of ongoing relationships in the future, by avoiding lengthy court proceedings.

More information on the Family Law Mediation Program can be found at:

<http://www.ndcourts.gov/court/rules/NDROC/rule8.1.htm>