

**Circuit Court of Cook County
Child Relief Expediter Program
Important Information for Litigants**

The expediter may be able to help you reach an agreement on a visitation plan and other child-related issues.

The expediter is NEUTRAL

- The expediter knows neither of you and has no interest in this litigation.
- The expediter works for the court.
- The expediter will not make any recommendations to the judge regarding your case or conduct an investigation regarding the facts of your case.

The process is VOLUNTARY

- Working with the expediter is completely voluntary. You can say that you do not want to participate in the process now or at any point during the process.
- If you wish to stop working with the expediter, I will conclude the hearing myself and make the decision.

The process is CONFIDENTIAL

- The expediter will not willingly share what was discussed during the process, with certain exceptions that the expediter will explain.

The expediter will MEET WITH YOU SEPARATELY

- The expediter will conduct an initial interview with you separately. If it is safe and appropriate to begin the process, the expediter will then help you try to reach an agreement on a visitation plan.

If you reach an AGREEMENT it will become a part of your court order

There is NO PENALTY if you do not reach an agreement

- If you don't reach an agreement, I will conclude the hearing myself and make the decision without punishing either of you.
- If you come to a partial agreement, I will conclude the hearing myself and make the decision on the remaining terms.

The expediter is located in this courthouse on the second floor, in Suite 2100.