

Parental Guidance on how to use the results from Child Inclusive Mediation

Key Points to focus on

- ✓ Remember in the discussion with the mediator, the children have decided what information, views, wishes, and feelings they want to share with their parents.
- ✓ Consider your reaction to specific types of feedback.
- ✓ Determine how you will incorporate the feedback into your childcare arrangements.
- ✓ Show respect for the children's viewpoints.

Take a Step Back and Consider Feedback Objectively

- ✓ View the feedback as an opportunity to improve your child arrangements.
- ✓ See your children's input as a constructive contribution.
- ✓ Demonstrate that you are open to listening and respecting their views.
- ✓ This can be empowering for both you and your children.

Present a United Front

- ✓ If possible, discuss the feedback openly together as parents.
- ✓ Explain, empathize, and show enthusiasm and positivity about their input.

Comfort in Parents' Cooperation

- ✓ Your children will find comfort in knowing that their parents can communicate constructively and find a way forward in their best interests.

Keep Control of Decision Making

- ✓ Ideally, choices and decisions should involve the adults, with input from their children.