



Probation Service Definition

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SERVICE NAME	Expedited Family Group Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Non-Treatment
Setting	Community-based
Organizational Licensure, Credentials, Accreditation, or Certification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Licensure is not required by the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) - Division of Public Health. • Services must be conducted by trained staff associated with an approved mediation center, see Nebraska Revised Statute 43-247.03
Service Description	<p>An expedited and focused family group decision making model, which engages the youth, their family, and supportive community agency members to resolve an identified barrier to the youth’s success. The focus is often on the immediate problematic behavior and solution related to that behavior; however, it may include solutions to longer term barriers that impact the youth and family’s success.</p> <p>With the support of a trained mediator, the team identifies the youth and family’s strengths, discuss the behaviors and factors creating barrier(s), and empowers the youth, family, friends and community to create a written plan to address the youth’s behavior. The plan will also provide the necessary supports to overcome identified barriers with the overarching goal of enhancing family and community engagement. This will prevent the utilization of out-of-home placement and more intensive services to manage the youth’s behavior as a means to ensure community safety.</p>
Service Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mediation center will work with the youth, family, and other parties to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify an appropriate venue for the conference. Conferences shall be held in-person whenever possible but may be held online or via teleservices with the consent of the family and probation/problem solving court officer. ○ Engage the youth’s parents and critical family members, as identified by the youth/family and/or probation/problem solving court officer. ○ Engage all relevant service providers, as identified by the youth/family and/or probation/problem solving court officer. ○ Prepare all conference participants for the conference itself. ○ Facilitate the group conference.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hold the group conference within 72 hours, if possible. If not possible, the conference shall be held no later than 5 business days from date of initial referral, if in response to a crisis. ● The mediation center will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A written plan to the probation/problem solving court officer, within 5 business days of the conference. ○ A post conference facilitation/follow up, if requested by the probation/problem solving court officer within 30 days of the conference.
Service Frequency	Up to 5 hours, including preparation and meeting time
Length of Service	One conference and one family team meeting
Staffing & Individual Professional Licensure, Credentials, Accreditation, or Certification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff must be affiliated with an agency that is a Registered Service Provider. ● Staff must be associated with a non-profit mediation center as determined by the Office of Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice and associated Mediation Division Policies and Standards. ● All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles, evidence-based practices, adolescent development and crisis management.
Staff to Client Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All staffing shall be adequate to meet the individualized treatment needs of the individual and meet the responsibilities of each staff position. ● Caseloads are as determined by the agency.
Hours of Operation	Flexible to accommodate the youth, family, and team's schedule
Service Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development of a family-driven written comprehensive post-placement plan ● Post-placement plan will maintain the youth in the family home or an relative/kinship home
Unit and Rate	Per conference; see rate