



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
Facility License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility licensure is not required. • Services must be conducted by the Nebraska Mediation Center trained staff, 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 and locate a physical location for the conference • Perform an exhaustive search of all extended family and supportive community members • Identify and contact all relevant service providers • Prepare all conference participants for the conference itself • Facilitate the group conference • Hold the group conference within 72 if possible and 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



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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	Development of a family-driven written comprehensive plan to overcome identified barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a youth in the family home or an extended family/kinship home • Increase the likelihood the youth will be successfully discharged from probation
Unit and Rate	See rate sheet