

CHAPTER 494

COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

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Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1991 c 321 s 11]

494.015 PROGRAM AND TRAINING GUIDELINES; CERTIFICATION.

Subdivision 1. Guidelines. The state court administrator shall adopt guidelines for use by community dispute resolution programs and training programs for mediators and arbitrators for the community dispute resolution programs. The guidelines must include provisions to ensure that participation in dispute resolution is voluntary, procedures for case processing, and program certification criteria that must be met to receive court referrals. The guidelines must include:

- (1) standards for training mediators and arbitrators to recognize matters involving violence against a person; and
- (2) training in family law matters that must be completed by mediators before acceptance of postdissolution property distribution matters and postdissolution visitation matters.

Subd. 2. Certification. The state court administrator shall certify programs that meet the requirements for certification set under subdivision 1.

History: 1991 c 321 s 5

494.03 EXCLUSIONS.

The guidelines shall exclude:

- (1) any dispute involving violence against persons, including incidents arising out of situations that would support charges under sections 609.342 to 609.345, or 609.365;
- (2) any matter involving a person who has been adjudicated incompetent or relating to guardianship, conservatorship, or civil commitment;
- (3) any matter involving neglect or dependency, or involving termination of parental rights arising under sections 260.221 to 260.245; and
- (4) any matter arising under section 626.557 or sections 144.651 to 144.652, or any dispute subject to chapters 518, 518A, 518B, and 518C, whether or not an action is pending, except for postdissolution property distribution matters and postdissolution visitation matters. This shall not restrict the present authority of the court or departments of the court from accepting for resolution a dispute arising under chapters 518, 518A, and 518C, or from referring disputes arising under chapters 518, and 518A to for-profit mediation.

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