

## **What we offer**

We provide FDR (mediation) services for children and property agreements.

## **The purpose of FDR about children**

The purpose is to enable discussion of any issues in a neutral and non-judgemental environment. It is an opportunity for clients to be assisted in reaching agreements for the children's best interest, especially around reducing family or parental conflict, or to formalize any current arrangements into a Parenting Plan.

## **Is FDR compulsory?**

It is a requirement in the Family Law Act, that the FDR process (except for exceptions), must take place prior to filing an application regarding children's matters in the family court.

## **Who's it for?**

We invite all parents or 3<sup>rd</sup> party caregivers to attend all FDR mediation process.

**TO MAKE A BOOKING OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

**Contact Cathryn Porter on 0437999556 or  
email to**

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**[www.angelschildcontactservices.com](http://www.angelschildcontactservices.com)**

Please note – children will not be able to attend mediation sessions, please arrange babysitting before booking times.

# **Family Dispute Resolution** **(Mediation)** **PARENTING PLANS /** **PROPERTY SETTLEMENT**



*Family separation can be a very difficult and emotional time. Family Dispute Resolution offers a way for parents, or other parties, to negotiate agreements regarding children and/or property.*

**Locations in Brisbane, Ipswich and  
surrounding areas**

## Our point of difference –

Cathryn Porter is a practitioner that has specialised training in dispute resolution and is fully qualified to assist families with parenting and property disputes.

All sessions are available at different hours to suit your needs to make it easier for you to attend. Refreshments will be supplied (coffee, tea and biscuits).

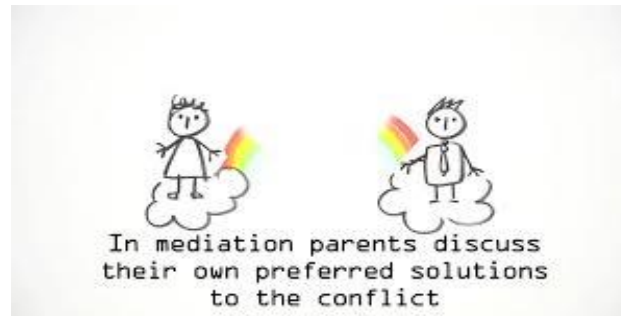
## The FDR Process

FDR is compulsory before an application can be made in the Family Court.

FDR allows the parents to make decisions around children (it is a much cheaper process than court). It is also quicker and aims to foster better communication between parents.

You are encouraged to seek legal advice before and during the FDR process if appropriate.

The FDR practitioner remains neutral and helps parents focus on what is best for their children. Throughout the process the practitioner is constantly assessing if it's still best to proceed with FDR.



*It is a requirement in the Family Law Act that the FDR process focuses on 'the best interest for the children' only while making decisions regarding the parenting plan agreement and helps parents focus on solutions that is best for their children.*

## What if you are feeling unsafe?

The practitioner will have arrangements in place to protect both client and staff. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Arrangements will be made to keep all parties safe e.g. private sessions.

## Is what I say confidential?

Yes, under the Family Law Act, everything you say remains confidential – except in cases of serious threat of harm to others or yourself. The practitioner must report child abuse or risk of abuse to the appropriate authorities, which include, The Department of Child Safety, Police and all legal representatives (if applicable).

## What are the main benefits?

- Times tailored to suit family needs.
- Locations available in Ipswich and Brisbane.
- Payment plans and concession rates apply and is assessed on a case to case basis.
- Sessions are arranged around safety for all parties.

## Fees

Fees are to be paid before each step of the process. Please, speak to us to make arrangements if there are any difficulties.

