Who Are We?

Since 1983, Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center has helped to bring about peaceful resolutions to conflicts in our community—first as a program of the Hawai‘i Island YMCA, and from 2006 as an independent non-profit organization.

Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center provides a variety of dispute prevention and resolution services to our East Hawai‘i community. We help individuals, families, organizations, businesses, schools, and others to find creative solutions to challenging situations.

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a confidential and informal process in which a neutral third party—the mediator—helps people: 1) talk through their differences, 2) explore and negotiate options, and 3) craft agreements that are fair, realistic, and durable.

Mediation is voluntary and requires good faith by all parties. The mediators ensure a safe and respectful process for everyone involved.

How Much Does it Cost?

Mediation is a low-cost way to resolve issues, and may save on court filing, process serving, and attorney fees. For individuals, our mediation fees are on an affordable sliding scale based on annual household income. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

Call us today to find out how inexpensive your fee (if any) would be!

We empower people to come together—to talk and to listen, to explore options, and to find their own best solutions.

To achieve this mission, we offer mediation, facilitation, and training to strengthen the ability of diverse individuals and groups to resolve interpersonal conflicts and community issues.

How Can You Help?

- Get involved by volunteering
  - Make a referral
  - Give a donation

Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to which are tax-deductible. We welcome your support!

A partner agency of the Hawai‘i Island United Way
**What Is YOUR Situation?**

- Are you splitting up with your spouse or partner and can’t agree on child custody or property issues?
- Is someone trying to collect money from you, but you can’t seem to talk to them about a payment plan?
- Are you having trouble getting along with a family member or neighbor?
- Do you not want to go to work because you have an ongoing conflict with a co-worker, boss, or employee?
- Do you have an agreement with someone who isn’t following the terms of the agreement?
- Are you a party to a court case?

**What DO We Do?**

- At Ku‘ikahi Mediation Center, we provide low or no cost services to assist you, and whoever you are in a dispute with, to reach mutually satisfactory resolutions.
- Our professionally trained mediators take you through a process of neutral information gathering, identifying issues, and then coming up with possible solutions.

*The goal is to design custom resolutions for your specific situation.*

- We also facilitate meetings for boards, associations, and other types of groups.
- Plus, we offer trainings, workshops, and educational programs.

**What DON’T We Do?**

- We do not judge, take sides, or decide who’s right or wrong.
- We do not force you to accept any solution or agreement.

**What Can YOU Do?**

- You can CONTROL the outcome of your dispute by coming to mediation, or you can give the judge control by litigating in court.
- You can discuss the issues privately in a CONFIDENTIAL setting in the comfort of our offices or you can have your dispute heard in a courtroom where everything that is said is public.
- You can spend lots of time and money litigating in court, or spend a FEW HOURS in mediation.
- It’s your choice.