

# Law Enforcement Referral Program (LERP)



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Center

Providing Conflict Resolution Services for Clallam and Jefferson Counties Since 1992.

Peninsula Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC) is working to build partnerships with Law Enforcement agencies in Clallam and Jefferson Counties to offer our services in instances where parties have conflict that isn't necessarily solved through the court system.

## What is LERP?

Often when people feel like there is no way to solve a problem, they will resort to calling Law Enforcement. The Law Enforcement Referral Program (LERP) is an opportunity for Law Enforcement to refer these cases that are not criminal in nature to PDRC, where we can offer our conflict resolution services. LERP is a pilot program to determine if PDRC can step in and fill a need to help people in conflict in our community.

## What types of cases can PDRC help with?

- Neighborhood disputes
- Property line disputes
- Noise grievances
- Light pollution discussions
- Landlord - tenant disputes
- Roommate disputes
- Animal concerns
- Parenting plans

## How can PDRC help?

**Mediation** - A trained mediator will facilitate a conversation with two or more parties to help them communicate, explore options, develop solutions, and craft mutually agreeable resolutions. Mediation is **voluntary** and **confidential**.

**Conflict Coaching** - A trained coach will work with an individual in conflict to support the client in identifying issues and interests, exploring options, and planning potential steps that the client can take to resolve the conflict.

**Facilitation** - A trained mediator scopes, designs, and facilitates a process to help parties achieve their desired outcomes. Facilitation may be used for public meetings, small and large group meetings, Board meetings, and in a wide range of other settings. Facilitations may or may not involve problem solving.

## **How do I make a referral?**

We have an online referral process. Our referral form requests the names of the people involved in the dispute, who was directly communicated with about mediation, and a description of the conflict. Once a referral is filled out, we will receive notification and begin our intake process.

For people who do not wish to have their case referred to mediation, PDRC also has information cards that can be handed out with information about our services and our contact information.

## **What does PDRC do with our referrals?**

1. Our intake specialist reaches out to the party that was directly communicated with about mediation by Law Enforcement. If both parties were directly communicated with, then we will reach out to both.
2. We will explain our services and the process of mediation in an intake interview. This will also help us determine if the case is appropriate for mediation.
3. If both parties agree to mediate, we will begin scheduling a mediation. This can take up to 2-3 weeks depending on the communication that we receive from the parties. If mediation is not appropriate, or only one party is responsive, we can offer conflict coaching, or work with them to find other resources.

## **Is there a cost for services?**

We do not decline our services to anyone based on ability to pay! We have a sliding scale that is based on annual household income, and we negotiate fees.

**For more information, contact Kailey at PDRC!**

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