



Giving your
child a voice

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"Providing parents act properly divorce shouldn't be a problem"

"We don't want to make decisions but we do want our voice to be heard"

Research finds:

- Continuing conflict between parents is damaging to children.
 - Most children are attached to both parents and become distressed when their relationship with either is severed or severely damaged.
 - Children derive their security from doing ordinary everyday things with both parents.
 - Children do not necessarily need equal time with each parent, they do need two equal parents.
- Research information shows children want their voice to be heard about future arrangements at the time of parental separation. This can be achieved by being offered the option of talking with a Mediator.
 - Children from the age of around 8 and upwards can talk with a mediator in confidence and separately from you, to share their thoughts and concerns about parental separation now and in the future. They will choose what, if anything, is reported back to parents. This is usually a one off appointment for which there is no charge. Your mediator will discuss this with you in more detail.

“*We don't want to be involved in what went wrong and whose fault you think it was. We don't like it, or you, if you criticise each other, it makes us feel bad and it affects us at school and other places too***”**