

## **Steps to Family Dispute Resolution**



**Initiating party** (party a) has a pre-mediation intake and assessment appointment

The other party (party b) is invited to participate and also does a **Pre-Mediation** Intake and **Assessment** If party declines

a s60i

certificate may

be issued to the

other party.

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Parties come together in a joint mediation

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Parties work with the FDRP to develop parenting agreements

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Together parties decide which next steps need to be taken

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## **Parenting Plan**

- When agreements are signed and dated they become a Parenting Plan.
- It is not legally binding however is heavily weighted.
- Flexible and be easily updated.
- Family Law Courts must consider the terms of the most recent Parenting Plan if matters progressed to court.



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## **Consent Order**

- Parenting Plans can be made into a consent order through the court.
- Legally binding
- More rigid and difficult to update and change.