

HIBBING COURTHOUSE ENE PROGRAM

Early Neutral Evaluator Minimum Qualifications

1. For providers applying in 2018, they must have complete Initial Social (for SENE provider) or Financial (for FENE provider) Early Neutral Evaluation Provider Training by April 1, 2019 to remain on the roster. Applicants applying after 2018 must complete Initial Social (for SENE provider) or Financial (for FENE provider) Early Neutral Evaluation Provider Training prior to applying.

2. An attorney seeking to be either a Financial or a Social Early Neutral Evaluator must meet the following criteria:

(a) Must have been practicing law for at least 5 years and devoted 30% or more of his or her practice to the area of family law in the last 3 years, or have equivalent expertise and experience;

(b) Must have family law trial experience;

(c) Must be in good standing, either in active or retired status;

(d) Must keep active in the Provider Availability and Scheduling System (PASS) so that the court can schedule ENEs during ICMCs; and

(e) Must be willing to accept the fee structure provided for in the program.

3. A non-attorney (i.e. Social Worker, Psychologist) seeking to be a Social Early Neutral Evaluator must meet the following criteria:

(a) Must have a Master's level Social Work or Psychology degree, LCSW, or LICSW or equivalent experience or expertise;

(b) Must have at least 5 years concentrated experience working with families and children or Guardian ad Litem/family court experience;

(c) Must be in good standing, either in active or retired status;

(d) Must keep active in the Provider Availability and Scheduling System (PASS) so that the court can schedule ENEs during ICMCs; and

(e) Must be willing to accept the fee structure provided for in the program.

4. A Certified Public Accountant seeking to be a Financial Early Neutral Evaluator must meet the following criteria:

(a) Be a CPA;

(b) Must have at least 5 years of some experience working with families/couples going through dissolution or custody experience;

(c) Must keep active in the Provider Availability and Scheduling System (PASS) so that the court can schedule ENEs during ICMCs; and

(d) Must be willing to accept the fee structure provided for in the program.

5. 40 Hour Family Mediation Training and Rule 114 Mediator and Evaluator Qualified Status are recommended and preferred but not required.

6. Ride-alongs are recommended and preferred but not required.

7. Application must be made through the Provider Availability and Scheduling System (PASS). Training on the PASS System is free but required. A Supplemental Application form is also required, and applicants will receive more information on this during PASS Provider training. For information on PASS Training, Initial ENE Provider Training, or other ENE topics, please contact the State Family ECM/ENE Program Manager: Angel Lussier at angela.lussier@courts.state.mn.us.