

PICK (PINE, ISANTI, CHISAGO, & KANABEC COUNTIES)
EARLY NEUTRAL PROVIDER MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS &
EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION PROGRAM PROVIDER POLICIES

1. **All Providers**, both for Financial Early Neutral Evaluation (FENE) and Social Early Neutral Evaluation (SENE), must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be a MN Rule 114 Qualified Mediator and Evaluator (appear on the State ADR Board Rule 114 Roster), maintain Qualified status—including complying with all ADR Board rules; including, but not limited to, those for continuing education and renewal;
 - b. Complete Early Neutral Evaluation (“ENE”) specialized training;
 - c. Accept the adopted ENE fee structure;
 - d. Participate in training on the Provider Scheduling System (PASS) and utilize PASS;
 - e. Be willing to travel to all four PICK counties for ENEs;
 - f. For SENE: Be willing to partner with any of the other SENE providers of the opposite gender on the PICK roster; and
 - g. Shall have at least 5 years of experience as family law attorneys, or as other licensed mental health professionals/licensed social workers working in the area of family law.

2. **Attorneys** seeking to serve as a FENE or SENE provider must also meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be a practicing attorney at law for at least ten (10) years with substantial emphasis on the area of family law in the last five (5) years, or have equivalent expertise and experience;
 - b. Have family law trial experience or equivalent expertise and experience;
 - c. Have an attorney license in good standing with the Minnesota Supreme Court, either in active or retired status;
 - d. For SENE, observe two (2) SENE sessions through a “ride-along.” An attorney may petition for a waiver of this requirement if the attorney has either (1) served as an SENE provider in another program or (2) participated as an attorney in two or more SENE sessions;

- e. For FENE, observe one (1) FENE session through a “ride-along.” An attorney may petition for a waiver of this requirement if the attorney has either (1) served as a FENE provider in another program or (2) participated as an attorney in one or more FENE sessions.
3. **Other Non-Attorney Professionals** (i.e. social worker, psychologist) seeking to serve as a SENE provider must also meet the following criteria:
- a. Have a minimum five (5) years’ experience working with families and children on divorce-related matters, including custody, visitation, or related issues; and,
 - b. Have an appropriate mental health or social worker license in good standing in active or retired status (example: LCSW, LICSW, LP, or LMFT).
 - c. Observe two (2) SENE sessions through a “ride-along.” A non-attorney that has served as a SENE provider in another program may petition for a waiver of this requirement.