

# Mediation and Child Custody Recommending Counseling in the California Courts

These terms refer to the types of mediation processes used by family courts that do and do not offer recommendations to the court regarding custody and visitation. Please refer to California Family Code Sections 3177-3186. Child custody recommending counselors are considered mediators for purposes of Family Code Chapter 11, commencing with Section 3160, and California Rules of Court.

Far Northern Region

Central Region

Bay Area Region

Southern Region

- Mediation, Non-Recommending (20)
- Child Custody Recommending Counseling (30)
- Both models provided\* (8)
- Provides at least two of the following: recommending, non-recommending, and/or fact-gathering (18)

Alpine refers clients to El Dorado.

\*Both models may be hybrid or tiered programs and are inclusive of recommending and non-recommending methods.

