

Alternative Dispute Resolution Program



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Alternatives to court for families
involved with Children's Aid



The **ADR Program** gives you and your family a chance to make decisions about the care of your children without going to court.

Some things you should know about the ADR program:

- Our facilitators help you through the decision making Process; they do not make decisions about the care of your children
- Participation in the program is voluntary for both the family and CAS
- Services are offered free of charge
- Services are available in the counties of Ottawa, Renfrew, Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

The Office of the Children's Lawyer is part of every referral to the ADR Program. They may decide to provide your child with a lawyer.

The services available in the ADR Program are:

- Family Group Conference – a one day conference where the family gets to create a plan for the care of their children
- Mediation – a process that brings all sides together so they can work out an agreement that is good for everyone involved

In the ADR Program we work to ensure that:

- Decisions are made faster than going to court
- Services are available in your community
- The focus is kept on the children
- Everyone has a voice in the decision making process
- Families have the opportunity to make decisions about the care of their children

If you want more information about the ADR Program and how it may help you and your children:

- Contact the ADR Program coordinator
- Speak to your CAS worker
- Speak to your lawyer

