



Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre Facilitative Mediation for Older People (FMOP)

About Facilitative Mediation for Older People (FMOP)

Facilitative Mediation for Older People (FMOP) is an expansion of NSCLC's existing services to older people. NSCLC has for many years provided information, advice and support to older people in WA who are at risk of or experiencing elder abuse through their Older People's Rights Service. Now NSCLC has expanded its services to older people to include a referral only mediation service that facilitates difficult family discussions between older people and their families due to age related issues.

Mediation is an impartial confidential and voluntary process that older people and their families can engage with during the early stages of conflict.

Mediation with older people is an emerging practice that has significant potential to reduce vulnerability by addressing small issues within important family relationships early on. It creates the opportunity for all involved to speak openly and confidentially, and to generate options and mutually agreed solutions.



Referral

FMOP is a referral only service provided by NSCLC for the purpose of assisting older people to maintain important relationships and to:

- Address family conflict as early as possible by engaging in difficult conversations about issues such as health, social or living arrangements
- Facilitate decisions that protect the interests, rights and safety of participants to reduce the risk of mistreatment

The service is available in the Perth Metropolitan area with referrals from professionals, service providers and agencies involved with older people. Once the mediation process has commenced Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre is unable to provide any other services, legal or non- legal to either Party. Information about other legal services that may be able to assist you, can be provided

FMOP does not provide case management, therefore the referring professional/ or service will need to continue to provide support to the older person.

Referral to FMOP is not suitable when there is a power imbalance, a history of violence, safety concerns and/ or issues requiring legal advice. Please contact the Mediator if you have any queries.

Mediation Fees

This is a no fee service