

NEW MEXICO STATE STATUTES – DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

**Section 40-12-5: Domestic Relations Mediation Program.**

A. A judicial district may establish a domestic relations mediation program by court rule approved by the Supreme Court. The district court may employ or contract with a counselor to provide consultations, evaluations and mediation in domestic relations cases involving children.

B. Parents may request of the court the services of the domestic relations mediation program for consultations, evaluation or mediation. Parents shall enter the program when ordered to do so by the court.

C. Parents shall pay the cost of the domestic relations mediation program pursuant to a sliding fee scale approved by the Supreme Court. The sliding fee scale shall be based on ability to pay for the specific service rendered by the counselor. The fees shall be paid to the district court to be credited to the fund.

**History:** Laws 1987, ch. 153, § 5.