



### What is the process?

Eldercaring Coordination focuses on reducing conflict and court involvement so the elder and family members, and other participants, are able to productively address the issues related to the needs and safety of the elder, and to work collaboratively with others in the support network that provide financial and legal advice, guidance and care, and will help manage high conflict family dynamics so that the elder, family and stakeholders can address their non-legal issues independently from the court. Referrals to the program may originate from the Court, or Adult Protective Services (Department of Children and Families).

Costs are paid as determined by the court, and are generally shared by the parties. Each case is evaluated individually. Coordinators can work on a sliding fee schedule, depending on the needs and ability of the elder and the parties to pay.

## Need more information?

### Contact us

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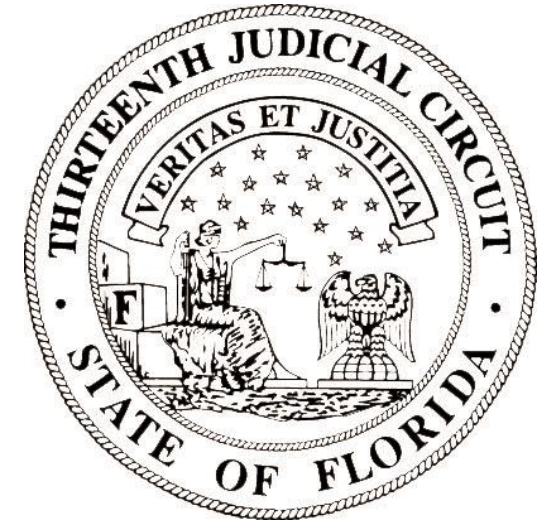
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THE 13<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

## ELDERCARING COORDINATION

*13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Hillsborough County, Florida*



## What is Eldercaring Coordination?

Eldercaring Coordination is a dispute resolution process during which an Eldercaring Coordinator assists elders, legally authorized decision makers, and others who participate by court order or invitation, to resolve disputes with high conflict levels in a manner that respects the elder's need for autonomy and safety. It is meant to complement, not replace, services such as mediation, individual and family therapy, case management, and provision of financial and legal information or legal representation.

Whether the case is a guardianship, mental health, adult protection, or other civil case, the court may refer the case for resolution, particularly where there are:

- Multiple motions to the court; high rates of litigation over non-legal issues
- Imbalance of power—some parties have legal representation and others do not
- Constant disputes about unmeasurable or unsubstantiated items
- Possessive or controlling behaviors

### The Eldercaring Coordinator will:

- Facilitate more effective communication, negotiation, and problem-solving skills
- Offer education about elder care resources
- Facilitate the creation, modification, or implementation of an elder care plan, if such a plan is necessary to reach a resolution
- Make recommendations for resolutions
- Make decisions within the scope of a court order, or with the parties' prior approval

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*An Eldercaring Coordinator is an impartial third person whose role is to assist parties to resolve disputes in a manner that respects the elder's need for safety and autonomy.*

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To be qualified, an Eldercaring Coordinator must possess the following:

- Three years of post-licensure or post-certification practice
- Completion of a family mediation training program, certified by the Florida Supreme Court
- Completion of an elder mediation training program that meets the standards approved and adopted by the Association for Conflict Resolution
- Completion of an Eldercaring Coordination training program that meets the standards of the Association for Conflict Resolution and the Florida Chapter of the Association for Family and Conciliation Courts