

# WHY AM I GOING TO

## Relationships Australia?

Child Inclusive Practice in Family Mediation





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## Hi my name is

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and I talk to kids about how things are going when their parents stop living together or if their family is changing.

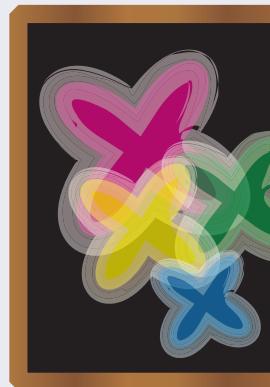
Your parents are trying to work things out in mediation. They decided it's a good idea for you to come and talk with me, so we can all understand how things are for you at the moment, and what might help.

If you have brothers or sisters we can all talk together first.

Then we spend time with just you and me.



Some things we will  
do are...



We will chat about  
your family...

and do some drawing ...





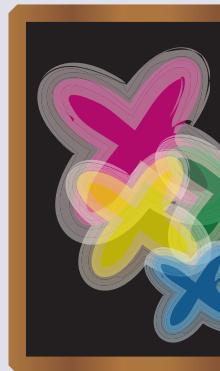
play with toys, maybe even look at some cards or pictures...

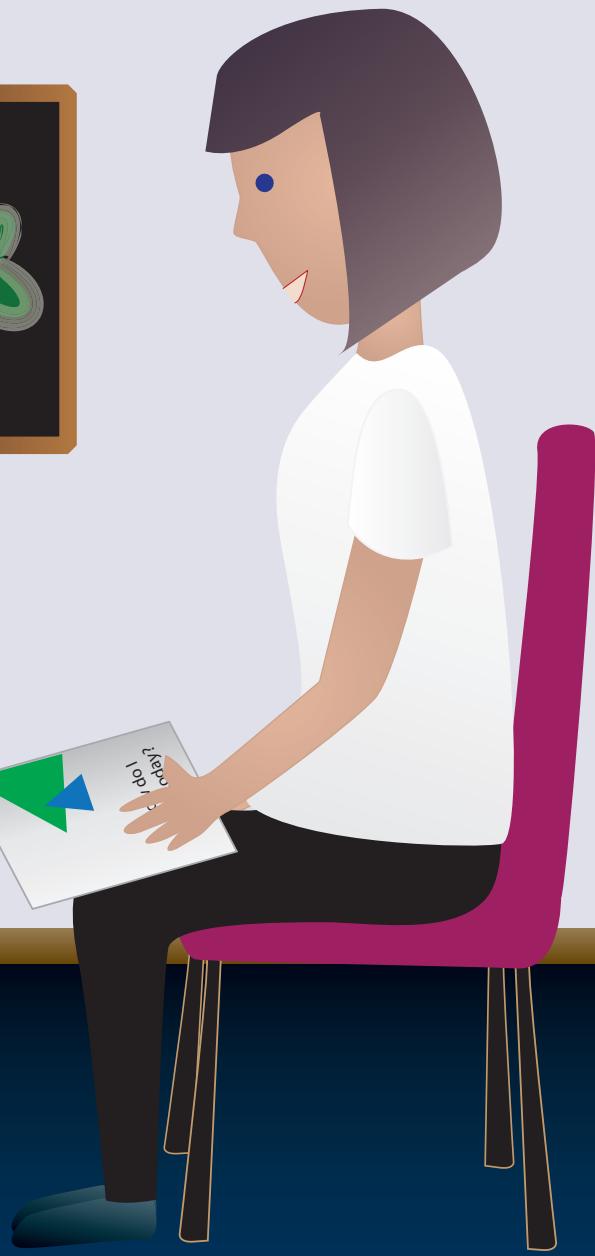
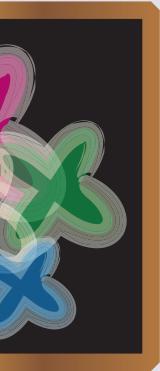
Or just talk together.



We will work out together how much you want to talk and what you want me to share with your parents.

Can I do another drawing ?  
That was fun!

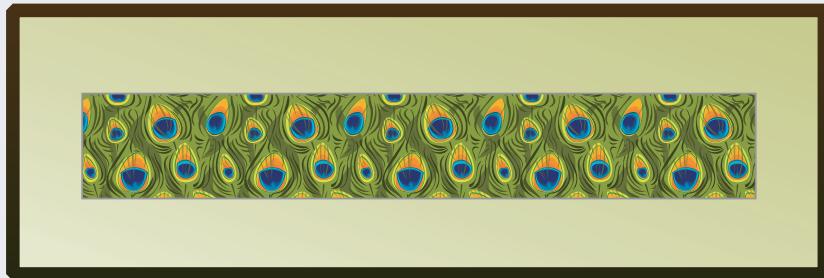






Then I will meet with your parents and a mediator and help them to think about you, and what's important for you.





## What is Mediation?

Sometimes, when family decisions need to be made, your parents meet with someone (a mediator) who can help them decide.

Your parents want to understand how you feel too, to help them make the best decisions they can.







I look forward to  
meeting you! ☺





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