



What JewishCare offers

- Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners who can conduct Family Dispute Resolution and issue section 60I certificates.
- JewishCare practitioners provide information about parenting plans and parenting arrangements which will help to resolve issues relating to a couple's children.
- Direct consultation with the child as part of child inclusive practice (by agreement with parents).
- Mediation for property and financial arrangements following separation.
- Culturally sensitive practice and awareness of issues arising under religious law.
- Practitioners who are experienced in working with same sex couples.



Who to contact?

For more information about any services of JewishCare please phone **1300 133 660**

Our offices are located at Bondi Junction, Woollahra, Darlinghurst and St Ives

We help

- families and young people who are vulnerable or in crisis or experiencing domestic violence
- people with mental health issues
- people with a disability
- older people living in their own homes

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Family Dispute Resolution

Helping separated couples and families

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What is Family Dispute Resolution?

Family Dispute Resolution provides an opportunity to reach agreements about parenting and/or property arrangements following separation. Family Dispute Resolution can help a couple to sort out these issues without going to court.

What is compulsory Family Dispute Resolution?

If you want to apply to court for a parenting order you will need a certificate from a registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner which confirms that an attempt at Family Dispute Resolution was made (unless exceptions apply).



What are the current legal requirements?

The Family Law Act requires parties to attempt to resolve parenting issues (unless exceptions apply) through Family Dispute Resolution before applying to a court for parenting orders. If you choose not to attend, this may be taken into account by a court when determining whether to make an order.

How does Family Dispute Resolution work?

We offer each party an individual assessment interview before a decision to proceed with Family Dispute Resolution is made. At the assessment interview each party will hear more about the service and will have an opportunity to outline their issues. Where Family Dispute Resolution is considered suitable, an appointment will be made for a joint session, either together in person, in separate rooms or in some instances on the phone.

Fees

Fees payable are based on each party's income level.

What is child inclusive practice?

It is widely acknowledged that parental conflict impacts greatly on children's adjustment to separation. Better outcomes are experienced amongst children whose parents work collaboratively or in parallel to ensure the children's needs are acknowledged and catered for.

It is reported that children who participate in direct child inclusive practice with a separate Child Consultant experience significant benefit.

The Consultant then attends the Family Dispute Resolution session and feeds back relevant and appropriate information about the children and their views.

