



Providing free, independent, neutral professionals to help Families, Youth, Children's Aid Societies and Indigenous communities to work together for best outcomes and long term plans.

ADR-Link provides 5 streams of service

ADR-Link has a roster of qualified professionals that provide specialized services across southwestern Ontario. Services are offered both in person and virtually.



Family Group Conferencing



Indigenous Approaches to ADR / Original Dispute Resolution



Child Protection Mediation



Ready, Set, Go



4th Option

Our Partners

- Bruce Grey Child & Family Supports
- Children's Aid Society of London & Middlesex
- Children's Aid Society of Oxford County
- Family & Children's Services of St. Thomas & Elgin County
- Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society
- Linck Child, Youth, and Family Supports
- Sarnia Lambton Children's Aid Society
- Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society
- Aamjiwnaang First Nation (Chippewas of Sarnia)
- Caldwell First Nation
- Chippewas of Nawash First Nation
- Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Delaware Nation Moravian of the Thames
- Munsee Delaware Nation
- Oneida Nation of the Thames
- Saugeen First Nation
- Walpole Island First Nation

LFCC recognizes our organization and services are housed on land originally held by Indigenous Peoples. We work towards being mindful that all activities should include respect for the land and for each person with whom we interact.



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› Who Can Be Referred?

Any family working with a Children's Aid Society that is already, or may be, involved with court regarding the care of children. ADR is faster, less intimidating, more affordable and more inclusive than court services.

Any youth 13-22 years of age that has been in care for more than 12 months may be enroll in the Ready, Set, Go program to have a practitioner help with long term planning and confirming a circle of support. Refer to the Ready, Set, Go program as soon as the youth is eligible to establish assistance for long-term success.

› What Can ADR Help With?

Families facing difficulties including but not limited to general communication, adoption openness, parenting plans, parenting capacity, extended care, placement, youth preparing for long term success.

› How to Make a Referral

Discuss ADR with the family/youth, select best stream of service. Their participation is voluntary. If any member of the client group identifies as Indigenous, their band must be consulted.

To make a referral, complete the 3 documents that can be downloaded from www.adr-link.ca/resources:

- ADR-Link Referral Form
- OCL Notification Form
- Signed consents from each person participating in ADR, including children 12 years and older - use your organization's form

Email completed documents to ADR-Link@lfcc.on.ca or fax to 519-679-4234.

› When to Make a Referral?

At the first signs of communication breakdown between people involved with the case (the worker, family, youth, caregivers etc). The best results are realized when frustration and fears are managed before anxiety increases. Facilitated, inclusive discussions and decision making lead more often to resolutions that provide safer arrangements and more opportunity for healthy growth.

› How Long Does the Process Take?

As long as participants, referring worker, and practitioners continue to see progress, the work can continue. Files can be closed when agreements are reached and reopened when participants are ready to move further along their road of success to improve care for children and youth.

› Who Is Involved in the Process?

The referring worker and supervisor, family members (and their support circle if requested) and the ADR practitioner. The Office of the Children's Lawyer must be advised of referrals and may provide free legal services to ensure children are heard.

Watch and learn

Professionals and teams can watch the ADR-Link orientation series to learn more about ADR and ADR-Link.

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