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Hi,

If it helps. I will tell about an experience I had at La Crosse County as well. The father and I were required to do a mediation. Towards the beginning of the mediation, the mediator asked if either of us were mistreated by the other. I admitted that the sex we had was non consensual. The mediator asked if I still wanted to go through the mediation. I felt like I had no choice to go through it in order to gain predictable visits with my son. The father was angry and hostile towards me for a very long time during the mediation. I sat mostly quiet and frozen until the father was in a state of self pity where he claimed he had no rights when he clearly had primary placement and I was begging for him to give me a date on the calendar to visit. That is when I yelled "You shouldn't have any bleeping rights. You are a bleeping rapist!" He bolted out of the room and there was no resolution. I was later on able to get a lawyer to establish predictable visits.

I know I look bad in this story. And I was. But I want to also express that if things were handled differently this may not have happened as traumatically. If one parent claims that they went through a traumatic experience from the action of another, it is probably not a good recipe to sit them in a room for multiple hours and expect them to come up with a peaceful resolution to their issues.

When information comes out like that in the beginning of a meditation, it should be handled differently. If it is necessary to postpone, that is probably the best thing, to be equipped for traumatic relationships.

It seems like it could have been much less harmful if the father and I were both able to speak with someone separately until we came closer to agreement.

I don't want a reply. Please do not reply. If you would like to share this information in any way that would be helpful, you are welcome to. I am grateful for how things are in my life and in my son's life now so it is not helpful for me to think about these memories any more.