

## MEDIATION PROCESS – STEP 2 FIRST JOINT SESSION

- **ASK: “WHAT HAPPENED?”**
  - *Let each person tell their story*
  - *Do not interrupt*
  
- **SUMMARIZE:**
  - *After each person speaks*
  - *Identify the theme*
  - *So for you, this is about...and you said...*
  - *Don't do a chronological summary*
  - *Keep the summary to only 2-3 sentences*
  - *Drop inflammatory language*
  - *Check-in: “Is that right?”*
  
- **TASK: THINK ABOUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU**

~ TAKE A MEDIATOR'S BREAK ~

## FIRST JOINT SESSION WORKSHEET

**So, (Party A) \_\_\_\_\_, for you this is about...**

And you said:

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Is that right?

**So, (Party B) \_\_\_\_\_, for you this is about...**

And you said:

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Is that right?

**TASK: Think about what's most important to you.**