## NOTICE TO LITIGANTS MEDIATION INFORMATION AND REQUEST

Whitley County offers Modest Means mediation to those who qualify financially. Some of the benefits of mediation are:

- 1. Mediation provides an opportunity for litigants involved in divorce and paternity litigation to mediate their dispute when their economic circumstances would otherwise limit their access to mediation;
- 2. Mediation resolves issues much more quickly and efficiently and saves a tremendous amount of court time;
- 3. Mediation reduces the adversarial hostility of the litigants and gives them a model as to how to resolve their disputes on their own;
- 4. Mediation provides better access and more efficient processing for litigants without attorneys; and

ADR funds must primarily benefit litigants who have the least ability to pay. Litigants with current charges or a former conviction of certain crimes relating to domestic violence are excluded from participating.

I would like to request mediation through Alternative Dispute Resolution.

| My monthly income is \$                  |       |  |
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| My monthly expenses are estimated at: \$ |       | www.destandersta |
|  | Name: |  |
|  |       | (print)  |
|  | Date: |  |

If you wish to be considered for Alternative Dispute Resolution, you must fill out the above information and return to Whitley County Clerk's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse, Columbia City, IN 46725.

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