

## 8<sup>th</sup> District ENE Roster Criteria

**For addition to any of these counties' rosters: Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Meeker, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, or Yellow Medicine**

1. Minimum requirements should include:
  - a. Be a Rule 114 Qualified Mediator and Evaluator and stay qualified.
  - b. Be in good standing with the ADR Ethics Board and remain in good standing.
  - c. For SENE: having taken State Family ECM/ENE Program-approved SENE training and appear on the Master Training List, or having been a grandfathered SENE trainer as determined by State Family ECM/ENE Program Manager
  - d. For FENE: having taken State Family ECM/ENE Program-approved FENE training and appear on the Master Training List, or having been a grandfathered FENE trainer as determined by State Family ECM/ENE Program Manager.
  - e. For SENE: having attended two SENE Ride-alongs (with the sole purpose of observing, not also acting as an attorney in the session) post-SENE training, or having performed a minimum of 5 SENEs as court-appointed provider in another county's SENE program.
  - f. For FENE: attend two SENE Ride-alongs and one FENE ride-along, or 2 FENE ride-alongs, (with the sole purpose of observing, not also acting as an attorney in the session), post-SENE/FENE training, or having performed a minimum of 5 FENEs as court-appointed provider in another county's FENE program.
  - g. Be in good standing, or have retired in good standing, with all professional licensing boards with which has ever been licensed, and remain in good standing.
  - h. For both SENE/FENE: Be able to articulate valid, verifiable experience and expertise to give a valid evaluative opinion as to what a court would do in a family law case involving Social and/or Financial issues.
  - i. Acceptance of program's policies, processes, and fee scales, etc.
  - j. In areas with shortages of the individuals with qualifications required, requirements may be loosened (with only ENE Training required, etc.) but acceptance can be based on provider's agreeing to remedy deficiencies (i.e. being Rule 114 qualified mediators/evaluators) within the first year of being on the roster, etc.
2. Additional preferred qualifications:
  - a. For FENE: have also have taken SENE training.
  - b. For both SENE/FENE: Minimum 10 years of professional experience working primarily with issues in divorce/custody/family law matters and/or practice within 100 miles of the courthouse in the county to which applying.
3. Process:
  - a. Applications shall be submitted in PASS for the State ECM/ENE Program Manager to screening.
  - b. If Rule 114 and ENE Training status and ride-alongs are verified and no "red flags," Program Manager may approve application.
  - c. If minimum Rule 114, training, or ride-alongs missing, Program Manager will reject and provide information on where/how to remedy missing status. Under criteria J. above, if there is a provider shortage, if the applicant agreed to remedy deficiencies under J.

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above within one year, then Program Manager may accept application and track compliance.

- d. A shortage is determined in any county where there are less than 6 females or 6 males on the SENE roster and less than 6 males (who are willing to travel for FENE) on the FENE roster. A shortage may be only to one gender or for one service type.
  - e. If minimums are met but there are "red flags," program manager will forward application to the program for a decision on the application.
  - f. If the local program has an ECM/ENE steering committee, the committee may have final decision-making authority for applications with "red flags." However, it is further recommended that providers on a committee be permitted to participate in application discussions but not be permitted to vote to avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest. If there is no committee, the lead judge or designee should be assigned to make final determinations on "red flag" applications.
  - g. Program Manager may make decisions as applications or pool applications as they come in, with consultation with the program, as to current needs of program for additional roster members.
4. Additional Considerations:
- a. All written roster criteria and process, plus completed application will be included on MJB ECM/ENE public website.
  - b. The roster will be continually open until further determination of the Committee.
  - c. The State ECM/ENE Program Manager will include roster status and solicitations in general outreach work to providers/potential providers to support the local program.
  - d. On request, the Program Manager will also provide additional, targeted recruitment specific for the local program.