

Clay County SENE Provider Roster

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Leah Warner, Attorney	Solutions, Inc. <u>Moorhead</u> , MN	Leah is an experienced domestic law attorney at the Vogel Law Firm in Fargo which she joined after graduating from William Mitchell College of Law. Leah litigates and negotiates complex financial and custody divorce actions, as well as paternity actions, post-judgment child custody and visitation disputes, and child support actions.
Peter Moynihan, Therapist		Peter Moynihan is a licensed clinical social worker who has provided counseling to adults, children, adolescents, couples, and families for 30 years. He also works with divorced and separated parents who need help to co-parent their children; these cases are often referred by court order or attorneys.

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Laurie Christianson, GAL		Holds Bachelor's in Social Work (MSUM 1980). Worked in MN County Social Services system for 24½ years, including as a Child Protection Specialist w/ Clay County (1984- 2005). In 2005, started completing MN and ND custody & parenting time investigations/evaluations. Has completed over 60 investigations/evaluations. Has been a Guardian ad Litem in MN 7th Judicial District since 2006. Primarily represents the best interests of children in Juvenile Court but also in Family Court.

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Melinda Hanson Weerts, Attorney		"Tough, but fair" are words frequently used to describe me as a professional. I have practiced law for approximately 14 years, the last nine of which have focused almost exclusively on family law cases with a particular emphasis on custody cases. I obtained my B.A. in political science and psychology <i>summa cum laude</i> from the UND in 1992. I obtained my law degree from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY in 1996.

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Kathleen Schara, Psychologist		As a psychologist for Lakeland Mental Health Center I have completed several hundred parental capacity evaluations and custody evaluations. I look forward to working with couples before the dissolution process turns ugly.

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Debra Ferguson, GAL		Debra Ferguson 15+ years experience providing mediation services for individuals in family, civil and criminal disputes. Debra received her mediation training from the Mediation Center and William Mitchell Law School in the twin cities. Debra practiced family law in Maine for six years before moving to Minnesota where she changed her focus from litigation to alternative dispute resolution services.

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Bruce Kunz, Attorney	Kunz Law Office, <u>Perham, MN</u>	I have been practicing since graduation from Law school in 1991. I have handled a wide variety of cases with some degree of emphasis the last few years in the area of contested Family Law/Custody Cases.
Judith Carr, Social Worker		A Licensed Social Worker who wears many hats. She owns Henry's Tree Inc. (therapeutic center for families & children), is a state-employed Guardian ad Litem, Independent Custody Evaluator, Mediator, and Parenting Time Expeditor. She specializes in Parental Alienation cases. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Bemidji State University. Judy worked in law enforcement for 10 yrs, including emergency dispatch, hostage negotiations, and emergency response. She has served as a Domestic Abuse Advocate for Safe Parent/ Child Exchange Services.