Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Process

1. ***Pre-Mediation Intake and Assessment***
   1. Initiating party (party a) has a pre-mediation intake and assessment appointment
   2. Bendigo Mediation formally invite Party B to participate in FDR
      1. If Party B refuses the invitation, a section 60i certificate can be issued to Party A if requested.
      2. If Party B agrees to participate in FDR they also book in for a pre-mediation intake and assessment session.
2. If the FDRP assesses that mediation is appropriate, a joint mediation session will be booked with both parties.
3. If the FDRP assess that mediation is not appropriate based on Sub Reg 25, a section 60i certificate will be issued to both parties.
4. ***Joint Session:*** 
   1. All agreements reached will be documented in a parenting plan and prepared for signing.
   2. If agreements have not been reached, the proposals will be documented and provide to the parties. The parties can seek further professional advice from their lawyer and other professional advisors.
   3. Additional FDR time may be booked to finalise agreements
   4. If additional FDR is not booked a section 60i can be issued if requested by either party.