

WHAT IS PARENTING COORDINATION?

Parenting Coordination is a widely used dispute resolution process that can be court-ordered or agreed upon by divorced or separated parents. Its main goal is to help parents establish clear and structured guidelines for co-parenting, thereby creating a healthier environment for their children and reducing the negative impact of disagreements between caretaking adults. Through Parenting Coordination, parents can develop effective communication strategies, address sources of conflict, and learn healthy parenting techniques that prioritize their child's best interests. The process also takes into consideration the child's developmental and psychological needs.

WHAT IS THE PARENTING COORDINATOR'S ROLE?

The primary responsibility of a Parenting Coordinator is to minimize conflict between parents by offering education, guidance, and coaching. They also facilitate discussions on the children's best interest and parenting priorities, encourage adherence to court orders, and devise strategies for enhancing communication between parents.

Parenting Coordinators may meet with parents collectively or individually based on the situation.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR PARENTING COORDINATION

Parents will be required to sign an Agreement and submit the necessary fees before the initial meeting. If there are any existing Court Orders, Agreements, or Parenting Plans, you should send them to the Parenting Coordinator.

The Parenting Coordinator will request an agenda from both parties to guide the topic discussion at the next session.

During the interim periods between sessions, you must implement and apply the resolutions discussed. For discussion at the next meeting, please note any conflicts that arise.

IS PARENTING COORDINATION RIGHT FOR ME?

Parenting coordination is a highly beneficial alternative for separated or divorced parents who need to resolve parenting and custodial disputes. There are several advantages to utilizing parenting coordination:

1. By opting for parenting coordination, you can avoid lengthy and protracted court battles.
2. In cases where there is domestic violence or high conflict, Virtual Parenting Coordination offers a safe environment that eliminates face-to-face interaction.
3. The cost of hiring a Parenting Coordinator is significantly lower compared to the fees charged by attorneys for resolving parenting issues.
4. Parenting decisions are documented into a legally binding agreement, ensuring enforceability if either party fails to uphold their obligations.
5. Since Parenting Coordination is not confidential, the Parenting Coordinator can be summoned as a witness at any time, increasing accountability and promoting positive behavior from both parents.
6. Unlike prolonged court hearings, Parenting Coordination provides prompt resolution to conflicts and allows swift decision-making on behalf of the child.

PARENTING COORDINATION FEES

Assessment session- \$75/hour, per Party

PC session- \$150/hour per Party, (2-hour minimum)

In-person cases outside El Paso County will incur an additional mileage charge at the Federal-approved rate of 65.5¢ per mile.