

About the Parenting Coordination Process

Parenting coordination:

- is a child-focused dispute resolution process ordered by the court to help parents implement and enforce a parenting plan order.
- uses assessment, education, case management, conflict management, coaching, or decision-making.
- is not mediation or arbitration.
- is not counseling or therapy.
- is an out-of-court process and attorneys are not required. However, parents have the right to have their attorneys participate in parenting coordination sessions.
- is not a confidential process. This includes communications:
 - between the parents and their children and the parenting coordinator
 - between the Parenting Coordinator and other relevant individuals, and
 - with the court.

The Parenting Coordinator

- will first attempt to help the parents to reach an agreement that resolves their dispute. If the parents are unable to reach agreement, the PC will issue a written decision that is effective immediately, providing copies to the parents and their attorneys. The Parenting Coordinator will not file the agreements or decisions with the court unless a parent requests a review. The Parenting Coordinator will summarize all agreements and decisions in a report to the court at least once a year.
- may meet with parents in person, by telephone, video, or through an e-mail process.
- does not provide legal advice and will not be an advocate for either parent.

Each parent:

- should be prepared to explain the circumstances surrounding the issues to be decided.
- should be prepared to offer solutions to help resolve the dispute.
- will have the opportunity to express his / her concerns and respond to the other parent's concerns.