

CHILD CUSTODY AND PARENTING REVIEW CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

The Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference is a non-confidential process in which an impartial conciliator conducts interviews to assess and resolve the issues in dispute. In the event that the dispute cannot be resolved, the conciliator will provide the court with a written report which will allow the Judge to make informed decisions.

Family Services of the Conciliation Court conducts the Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference according to the following rules:

1. **Non-Confidential**

Communications and information obtained during the Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference will be reported to the Court.

2. **Participation and Documentation**

Parents are expected to negotiate in good faith, communicate openly and to provide any information pertinent to the issues as requested by the conciliator. You will be required to provide documentation to support your allegations. You must give the other parent a copy of any documentation you provide to the conciliator.

3. **Participation of Other Parties**

The conciliator may interview children or other significant persons during the Child Custody and Parenting Review process. Additional appointments may be set if deemed necessary by the conciliator.

4. **Joint and/or Individual Interviews**

Generally, the conciliator will meet jointly with the parents, however individual interviews may occur at the discretion of the conciliator.

5. **Legal Advice**

The conciliator cannot provide legal advice to either party. If the need for legal advice arises during the Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference, the parties will be encouraged to discuss those issues with an attorney.

6. **Best Interest of the Child(ren)**

The conciliator will be focused on the best interest of the child(ren) rather than on the positions of the parents.

7. **Notification of Settlement**

In the event of a settlement outside of Conciliation Services, the parents or the attorneys should immediately notify this office.

8. **Reporting Outcome of the Parenting Conference**

The outcome can be an agreement with a parenting plan, a partial agreement with recommendations, a brief report with information and recommendations or a complete assessment or evaluation.

I agree to use my best efforts to participate fully in the Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference in accordance with these guidelines.

I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand the Child Custody and Parenting Review Conference Guidelines.

(Print Name)

(Sign Name)

(Date)

