

### **Information Sheet – Focus of this Parenting Coordinator**

1. The focus of Parenting Coordination is the Child!! No “ ifs, ands or buts” about it.
2. We will work towards lessening the amount of conflict the Child may be experiencing in his or her life between parents.
3. We will be ‘future focused’ which means although we may be able to learn from the past, we are **not** here to make a determination of who was right or who was wrong, but to learn from the past to improve the future.
4. The reality is that Parent 1 and Parent 2 will be connected together *forever* through the Child and my assumption is Parent 1 and Parent 2 wish to make the future better for the Child, as well as for themselves, and, therefore, the entire family, and they are each asked to be active participants in working together with this Parenting Coordinator to accomplish this goal.
5. Our success in Parenting Coordination cannot be accomplished by this Parenting Coordinator alone. It will take a ‘team’ approach to work towards this goal.
6. As a ‘team’, we should not expect miracles or huge shifts all at one time. It is expected that we will take ‘baby steps’ in working towards the improvement of the current situation as long as Parent 1 and Parent 2 are on the ‘same page’ in terms of *genuinely* wishing to work towards this goal.
7. This Parenting Coordinator may choose to speak separately with either Parent 1 or Parent 2, or even the Child, about an issue to sort out the best arrangement for resolution of the issue.
8. Parent 1 and Parent 2 are ultimately responsible for the success of this Parenting Coordination arrangement. This Parenting Coordinator is authorized to make decisions (called “determinations”), but the success of any arrangement, whether by agreement (called “consensus”) or by determination, is going to be as a result of Parent 1 and Parent 2 *fully* participating in this process and being **constructive** and **supportive** of this process and each other so that we can find improvements to their current situation.
9. The best resolution is one that is reached together and is by Consensus and not necessarily one that is imposed by this Parenting Coordinator (or any third party).

10. Parent 1 and Parent 2 are to be commended for their willingness to undertake this Parenting Coordination process to work towards an improved experience for their family and to reduce the conflict between parents for the Child.
11. The Parenting Coordination arrangement can be difficult as we are dealing with very important values and the little person in each of your lives who is most precious. Expect to have feeling that will make you emotional at times. This is normal. This is when we know we have found something that is very important to you and it will give us more information with which to work. In other words, expect to be emotional at times during this Parenting Coordinator's work with each of you and know that it is okay! Everyone should touch on something they **feel** when addressing their child.
12. This Parenting Coordinator strives to be able to provide support, comfort and hope to each of you during this process.