

What are the benefits of using Parenting Coordination?

- Less formal than litigation
- Reduces court-related costs
- Less time spent and stress caused by repeated court filings and appearances
- Expedites resolution of time-sensitive issues that cannot wait for court scheduling / future hearings
- Aids in protecting children from the damage caused by litigation or being caught in the middle of parental conflict
- Assists parents with learning how to resolve conflict on their own
- Reduces the dependence on the court or other professionals to resolve future conflicts

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Medina County Domestic Relations Court

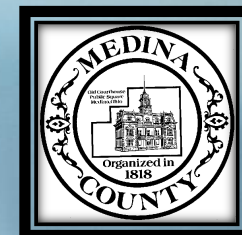
Family Court Resources

NOTICE

This pamphlet was created to help you understand your options for dispute resolution but NOT to advise you about the law.



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Medina County Domestic Relations Court offers parents an effective and unique dispute resolution tool – ***Parenting Coordination***.

What is Parenting Coordination?

Parenting Coordination is a child-focused dispute resolution process, wherein an impartial third-party professional, called a Parenting Coordinator (PC), helps the parties resolve conflicts and implement and follow their parenting order.

How do Parenting Coordinators help families?

The parenting coordinator is a highly trained conflict resolution specialist who works with parents to minimize conflict between the parents, coordinate parenting issues, and guide the parents to maximize their parenting abilities. The PC may make decisions for the parents in the best interest of their children when necessary.

How can I get a Parenting Coordinator assigned to my case?

The court may order that a parenting coordinator be assigned to your case on its own or upon written motion of either party.

How do I know if Parenting Coordination is right for me / my client?

- PC is for parents who are in constant conflict and unable to resolve their differences without court involvement.
- PC is a good alternative when prior efforts to resolve disputes have been unsuccessful or when one or both parties repeatedly fail to comply with court orders.
- PC is NOT for cases wherein the process may compromise the safety of either party or the child.
- PC is NOT for granting or modifying protection orders, custody, or major changes in parenting time.

How are Parenting Coordinators different from other helping professionals?

The PC is authorized to make decisions for the parents, if necessary, in the best interest of their children and to speak with other professionals involved in the case. The process of parenting coordination is **NOT** confidential.

What are the qualifications of a Parenting Coordinator?

- A master's degree or higher or law degree, or
- At least two years of professional experience with parenting coordination, mediation, counseling, casework, serving as a guardian ad litem, or legal representation in family law, and
- Completed orientation at the court and/or specific training approved by the Ohio Supreme Court

How much does Parenting Coordination cost?

Parenting Coordinators, once assigned, may charge and collect fees of up to \$250 per hour for their services and typically require an up-front retainer. In some cases, the court may appoint a court-employed PC at no cost or a discounted cost for families that meet financial eligibility requirements.

