

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE INTEREST OF § IN THE ____ JUDICIAL
§
§ DISTRICT COURT
§
CHILD § _____ COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER FOR COOPERATIVE PARENTING SESSIONS

THIS CAUSE having come before this Court and this Court having reviewed the file and being otherwise fully advised in the premises this Court finds that it is in the best interest of the child(ren) the parents participate in Cooperative Parenting sessions to resolved co-parenting matters and create a co-parenting plan.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that a Cooperative Parenting Consultant is hereby appointed, pursuant to Texas Family Code "Dispute resolution process" to conduct the Cooperative Parenting sessions as a means of alternative dispute resolution conducted in accordance with Section 153.0071 of the Texas Family Code and Chapter 154, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to assist the parties in resolving issues related to co-parenting.

The process will include no less than 3 sessions, unless co-parenting issues are resolved, and may include other adult family members at the direction of the consultant. Continued sessions may be required if conflict continues. All attempts to reach solutions regarding the co-parenting relationships and issues related to the children will be detailed in writing by a therapist with the Counseling Center of Montgomery County PLLC as an "agreed to consider" plan that will not constitute an agreement unless finalized by each attorney in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a consultant with the Counseling Center of Montgomery County PLLC will be the Cooperative Parenting Consultant in this case. All parties are ordered to fax or e-mail a copy of this order along with all necessary intake information from www.CounselingCenterMC.com to CCMC, fax (936) 760-9101, e-mail CCMC@CounselingCenterMoCo.com within 3 business days of this order. The Cooperative Parenting Consultant shall select a date within 60 days of the date of this order and all parties shall appear as directed by the Cooperative Parenting Consultant.

Unless otherwise completed in the past 6 months, prior to participating in the Cooperative Parenting sessions as Ordered herein; the Parties shall complete the Cooperative CoParenting classes and/or the Understanding Parental Alienation Workshop and to file an

original certificate of completion with the court no later than 60 days after the signing of this Order.

The Court ORDERS the following provisions regarding the party's cooperation with coparenting:

- The party shall fully cooperate and wholly heartedly participate in the sessions as directed by the consultant.
- The Court will consider the good faith efforts and the party's devotion to success of coparenting as a factor in determining whether to modify the current order, including expanding or restricting parenting time provisions.
- The party shall openly and honestly address what that party has learned as a result of coparenting and how that party is going to modify their future behavior based on the skills acquired in coparenting.
- The Court will consider the lack of good faith participation or efforts to sabotage or undermine the success of coparenting as a factor in determining whether to modify the current order, including expanding or restricting parenting time provisions.
- The party shall fully complete all homework assigned by the consultant by the date and time requested by the consultant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the expense of the Cooperative Parenting session(s) and co-parenting course shall be shared equally between the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

- The party shall execute any authorizations needed to enable the consultant to receive or provide information about the children or the parties.
- The party shall notify the consultant in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants of their home.
- The consultant, at the written request of any attorney of record, shall testify at any hearing in this case; the requesting party shall be responsible for the consultant's customary and usual fees for testifying and said fees shall be paid prior to the hearing; absent such payment the consultant is under no obligation to appear or provide testimony even if formally subpoenaed.
- The consultant shall report to the Court as deemed necessary by the consultant on the progress of coparent sessions, whether the party is participating in a timely and good faith manner, any additional services recommended, or any other issue that the consultant determines is in the best interests of the minor children.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

JUDGE PRESIDING