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Title of Your Presentation

Drafting Parenting Plans, Orders and PPE Recommendations with Specificity & Accountability.

Preferred Length of Presentation

120 Minute Workshop

Presentation Abstract

Parents receive draft parenting plans after mediation; parenting plan recommendations after an evaluation; stipulated agreements from attorneys; or court orders after a hearing. These different documents will have varying degrees of detail. Most of them will not be as specific as parents need to avoid future disputes regarding their interpretation. High-conflict parents are better served if professionals prepare parenting plans, recommendations, and orders in a detailed and specific manner, so parents do not have future implementation questions. With more specific parenting plans and orders, parents can hopefully move forward without consistent disputes, professionals involved in their day-to-day co-parenting, and returns to court. This workshop will review examples of parenting plans and court orders and provide attendees with concrete ideas for drafting more detailed and specific provisions with accountability. Attendees will also learn how to create provisions that can be easily interpreted and enforced by a mental health professional or Judge.

One-Page Outline of Proposal

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Learning Objective #1

Attendees will learn to draft provisions for parenting plans and court orders that are detailed and specific, keeping in mind the importance of precise language to avoid future disputes by parents over interpretation.

Learning Objective #2

Attendees will learn ways to include provisions to add accountability in parenting plans, orders, and stipulated agreements to avoid manipulation of orders by a coercive controlling co-parent.

Learning Objective #3

Attendees will understand why it is helpful for families to have a complete and detailed plan or order with less ambiguity, making it less likely the parents will find areas of dispute and further engage in litigation.

Citation #1

“Kids First - Family Transition Plan” Kids Frist, Divorce Education Resources, Chuck Muklewicz, EDD; September 2024

Citation #2

Tabashneck, S., Psy.D., Esq. Editor. (2021). AFCC – Massachusetts Chapter. “Best Practices for Family Court Practitioners”.

Citation #3

Greenberg, L.R., Fidler, B.J. & Saini, M.A.(Eds.). (2019). New York, NY: Oxford University Press; “Evidence Informed Interventions for Court Involved Families: Promoting Healthy Coping and Development.”

Citation #4

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"American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Model for A Parenting Plan"

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Two

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Resume or CV of Presenter #1

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