Part One

CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING OVERVIEW(CCRC)

(Formerly Known as Mediation)



Introduction to CCRC

- CCRC is required whenever there is a dispute about child custody or visitation
- CCRC focuses on developing an agreement between parents that is in the best interest of your children



Family Code §3170



California Law Defines Three Purposes of CCRC

- To reduce conflict between the parents
- To develop an agreement ensuring the child's close and continuing contact with both parents consistent with public policy and
- To effect a settlement regarding visitation rights that is in the best interest of the child

Family Code §3161



CCRC is to Assist Both Parents to Reach an Agreement

- Child Custody Recommending Counselors will help you work out the terms of a parenting plan with the other parent
- Your parenting plan may consist of:
 - How time will be shared during the school year and summer
 - Holidays and vacation schedules
 - Transportation and exchanges, and;
 - Other important details



What if Parents Already Have an Agreement?

- If both parents agree to a parenting plan, then there is no need for CCRC
- To make your plan a court order, you must provide a written agreement to the court for approval
- If you have an agreement but need assistance with the paperwork, let the court know so we can help



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