

PARENTING COORDINATOR

(as an amendment to Families in Transition Plan)

- I. The Court may appoint a Parenting Coordinator pursuant to 43 O.S. § 120.1 et seq.
- II. The qualifications for the Parenting Coordinator shall be as follows:
 - A.
 1. Have at least a master's degree in a mental health or behavioral science field;
 2. Hold an active Oklahoma license as a mental health professional;
 3. Trained in family dynamics, the impact of divorce on families, the recognition and diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders, conflict management, child development, developing parenting plans, and a familiarity with Oklahoma family law;
 4. Qualified as a mediator under the District Court Mediation Act, 12 O.S. § 1821 et seq., as the same applies to divorce and family mediators; and
 5. Shall have practiced professionally in his/her respective mental health field for a minimum of five years.
 - B. Upon consent of the parties, the Court may appoint a licensed attorney or licensed mental health professional as a Parenting Coordinator, so long as that professional is otherwise acceptable to the Court.
 - C. For those Parenting Coordinators who wish to take cases involving domestic violence, the Parenting Coordinator shall have substantial training concerning the affects of domestic violence or child abuse on victims as contemplated by 43 O.S. § 107.3 (B)(1).
- III. The domestic judges will adopt a form for "Order Appointing Parenting Coordinator" setting forth the procedure and decision making process.