

Northern Frontiers Mediation & Counselling

Parenting Agreement Coaching



*Recently separated? Does the thought of a lengthy court battle give you cold sweats?
There is an alternative.*

Reaching agreement around parenting can be stressful and often ends in conflict that is damaging for children. Parenting Agreement Coaching is a service that allows one parent to sit with an experienced Mediator to prepare a draft agreement that can be presented to the other parent for their consideration. This can focus the required discussions between parents on the ongoing care of their children and save extensive lawyer and court fees.

Parenting Agreement Coaching gives you support through family separation and helps to keep the focus on important parenting issues such as Education; Time Spent with Each Parent; Religion/Cultural Considerations; School Holidays and Celebratory Times, Health and Recreational Activities.

Family Law is all about children's rights and parental responsibilities. Put simply, children have a right to spend time with and be cared for by both parents and to be protected from harm. Parents are responsible for ensuring children's rights are met. In most cases it is compulsory for families who disagree on arrangements for their children to engage in a dispute resolution process outside the court environment before asking a judge to decide things for them.

A Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP) is a mediator accredited with the Attorney-General's Department to provide dispute resolution services for families. Your mediator will inform you about the family law system and assess whether your dispute matter is appropriate for mediation.

Sometimes family disputes are assessed as not appropriate for mediation and court action is initiated by one or both parties to the dispute. It is not unusual, however, for a court to direct parents back to mediation at some stage. This is because family law assumes parents know their children best and are therefore well-placed to make decisions that are in their child's best interest.

Having a well-prepared parenting proposal is important regardless of where you are within the family law system. If agreement is not reached outside of court, you can use your proposal to indicate what conditions you would like included on a court order.

Benefits of Parenting Agreement Coaching:

- Avoid or limit lengthy court proceedings
- Save on expensive legal fees
- Develop a well-considered proposal
- Reduce parental conflict with clear guidelines for co-parenting
- Help to give your child Routine, Regularity and Reliability

Pricing:

Parenting Agreement Coaching sessions are charged at \$145.00 for a standard 50 minute session. Longer sessions can be arranged and flexible session times are available from 7am weekdays as well as Sunday mornings. Sessions can be in-person or via phone/video chat.

Disclaimer:

All Northern Frontiers' coaching and mediation services are directed by the Family Law Act 1975 however we do not provide legal advice. Disputant parties are therefore advised to seek legal advice from a family law lawyer throughout the separation process. Referrals are available upon request.

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