

Lorain County Domestic Relations Court

Case No. _____

Date: _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner:

Defendant/ Respondent:

NOTICE OF PARENTING COORDINATION

DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:

You are receiving a copy of this notice because your presence at a parenting coordination session scheduled by the Court is required. This parenting coordination session cannot occur without your attendance. This session will last 1-2 hours.

WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS, CONTACT THE PARENTING COORDINATOR AT _____ (between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday) TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER AND YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE PARENTING COORDINATION SESSION. Failure to do so may result in a delay of your case and/or further action by this Court.

A **request to reschedule** the parenting coordination session must be made to the parenting coordinator at least TWO WEEKS before the scheduled parenting coordination session.

Contact the parenting coordinator immediately if: 1) there have been issues of violence; 2) you are concerned about your safety; 3) you are concerned about being in the same room with the opposing party; 4) you have any questions concerning the parenting coordination process; and/or 5) you have settled this matter prior to the parenting coordination session.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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*****FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL LEGAL ACTION*****

(TURN OVER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARENTING COORDINATION PROCESS)

About the parenting coordination process:

- Parenting coordination is a child-focused dispute resolution process ordered by the Court to assist parties in implementing a parental rights and responsibilities or companionship time order using assessment, education, case management, conflict management, coaching, or decision-making. “Parenting coordination” is not mediation subject to R.C. Chapter 2710, R.C. 3109.052 or Sup.R. 16 nor arbitration subject to R.C. Chapter 2711 or Sup.R. 15.
- This is an out-of-court procedure and attorneys are not required. However, parties have the right to have their attorneys present and participate in the parenting coordination session. Parties may designate any other individuals to attend and participate in the parenting coordination session.
- Except as provided by law, communications made as part of parenting coordination, including communications between the parties and their children and the parenting coordinator, communications between the parenting coordinator and other relevant parties, and communications with the court, shall not be confidential. Except as provided by law, parenting coordination shall not be privileged.
- If an agreement can be reached that is satisfactory to ALL parties, valuable time can be saved by avoiding on-going court involvement. The parenting coordinator will put all agreements in writing for the parties and provide a copy of the agreement to all parties.
- Parties should attend the parenting coordination session prepared to explain the circumstances surrounding the issues to be discussed.
- Parties should have ideas about how things may be made satisfactory in an effort to resolve this matter expeditiously.
- The parenting coordinator will first attempt to assist the parties in reaching an agreement that resolves their dispute(s). If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the parenting coordinator will issue a written decision that is effective upon approval of the Court. The parenting coordinator will provide copies to the parties and their attorneys, if any. The decision will be immediately filed with the Court
- All parties will have the opportunity to express their concerns and respond to the concerns of the other parties.
- The parenting coordinator may hold individual meetings with each party at any time during the session.
- This process will last approximately 1-2 hours for each scheduled session. Please schedule accordingly.
- Parenting Coordinators do not provide legal advice and they will not be an advocate for either party.