

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE INTEREST OF:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

A CHILD/CHILDREN

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER FOR PARENT COACHING APPOINTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGIST

On this day, the Court considered the request for Parent Coaching, and the Court finds that there is good cause shown for appointment of a Psychologist to provide Parent Coaching as noted herein, and that such an appointment is in the best interest of the child(ren) in this cause. The Court finds that all parties have knowledge of this order; and each party has the ability to comply with its terms.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Susan Fletcher, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, 2500 Legacy Drive, Suite 120, Frisco, Texas 75034, (972) 612-1188 is appointed as the Parent Coach for _____. Parent Coaching is to assist the party to work on improving parenting behavior, skills, and perceptions and the party is ORDERED to contact the Psychologist's office within 3 business days of the signing of this order, to provide a copy of this order to the Psychologist and provide his/her completed intake paperwork to the Psychologist as directed by the Psychologist. In addition, the party is ORDERED to schedule an initial appointment. In the event a mutually-agreeable appointment time cannot be set, the Psychologist shall select a date for the initial appointment and the party is ORDERED to cooperate with the Psychologist in scheduling and appear as directed by the Psychologist. The party and his/her attorney are ORDERED to provide copies of all current orders, including the current court-ordered parenting time schedule, to the Psychologist and to provide any updated orders within 3 business days of such orders being signed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Psychologist will meet with the party individually as the therapist deems appropriate. The party shall fully comply with the Psychologist's requests in conducting Parent Coaching. The duration, frequency, and location for each session with the Psychologist shall be left to the discretion of the Psychologist, who is specifically authorized to notify the Court if the party is failing to comply with the spirit or letter of this order or other orders of the Court.

COMMUNICATION

IT IS ORDERED that the Psychologist will communicate, share information and receive information from the Court Appointed Amicus Attorney who will provide the information to the parties' attorneys. The Psychologist will receive information from the parties' attorneys only through the Court Appointed Amicus Attorney. The Therapist will also consult and provide information to any appointed Custody Evaluator and any other mental health professional in connection with this litigation as deemed necessary by the Psychologist.

IT IS ORDERED the parties shall execute any HIPAA authorizations as requested by the Psychologist to enable the Psychologist to receive or provide information about the party or the children in question. The party shall notify the Psychologist in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants of their home.

IT IS ORDERED that the Psychologist shall have access to the parties' Our Family Wizard accounts. The parties are ORDERED to complete whatever forms are necessary for the Psychologist to have such access.

PAYMENT

IT IS ORDERED that _____ shall pay 100% of the amount billed by the Psychologist for her services as a Parent Coach, not limited to appointments that are held, her review of documents, and consultation with other professionals.

That party is ORDERED to pay the initial retainer and requested retainer replenishments directly to the Psychologist within seven days of the Psychologist's request for payment.

PSYCHOLOGIST TESTIMONY

IT IS ORDERED that the Psychologist shall testify at any hearing or deposition in this case at the written request of any attorney of record sent via subpoena, which may be delivered to the Psychologist via e-mail. The party issuing the subpoena shall be responsible for the Psychologist's customary and usual fees for testifying and said fees shall be paid at least seven days prior to testimony in the manner specified by the Psychologist.

Parent Coaching is not a substitute for a Child Custody Evaluation within the terms of Family Code Chapter 107; therefore, the Psychologist shall not make recommendations as to the conservatorship of, possession (parenting schedule) of, or access to the child(ren). The Psychologist may make recommendations to the party regarding changes in conduct that may be helpful to the party in implementing the Court's orders.

The Court further finds that it is in the best interest of the child, the parties, and the public, that the Court Appointed Psychologist should be allowed to follow the Court's Order without fear of reprisal for conducting services and making recommendations consistent with this order. IT IS SO ORDERED, any alleged impropriety or unethical conduct by the Court Appointed Psychologist be brought to the attention of the Court in writing prior to a complaint being made to the Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Judge Presiding

AGREED:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Bar Number:

Bar Number:

Attorney for Petitioner

Attorney for Respondent

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