

*Travis County
Domestic Relations
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*Mom &
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Visitation Services

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Program Overview

When children live in two different homes, co-parenting can be very challenging. But children need cooperative parents to minimize conflict — most especially when the conflict affects the time the child spends with the other parent.

The Travis County Domestic Relations Office's Cooperative Parenting Program helps parents communicate with each other, to reduce the conflict that bears on visitation, to increase quality parenting time for both parents with their children, so court-ordered visitation can resume as ordered.

We Offer

STRATEGIES to reduce Co-Parenting conflict, and eliminate harmful and unproductive behavior.

ASSISTANCE in implementing a voluntary or court-ordered plan so children have continuous, consistent contact with both parents, when appropriate.

EDUCATION, a series of six classes that teach cooperative parenting skills to help parents communicate, resolve conflict, manage anger, and understand the effects of family break-ups on children.

REFERRALS to professional family therapists (when appropriate) to help children rebuild a parental relationship or to make visitation a more positive experience.

CASEWORK from a licensed social worker and trained facilitator who conduct Conflict Resolution Meetings, which resolve most Co-Parenting visitation issues.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE, a DRO attorney, as Friend of the Court, may review your case for legal options, if all other attempts at conflict resolution have failed.

To Qualify for Services

You must have a final, Travis County court order that includes an enforceable visitation schedule, and you have been denied your court-ordered visitation. Your child (and the child's other parent) must live in Travis, Williamson or Hays County. Additionally, *you must be willing to cooperate.*

All Applicants who are accepted into our program will be expected to attend and complete the six Cooperative Parenting Classes, and provide program staff with current addresses and phone numbers. Applicants must be willing to provide this information to the other parent, if the court ordered the Applicant to do so. And Applicants must be willing to follow the court orders regarding visitation exchanges and locations.

Applicants must be willing to participate in conflict resolution meetings, counseling sessions, neutral visitation exchanges, or therapeutic visitation if the program case-worker or attorney believes these tools would be helpful in resolving the conflict. Applicants will also need to complete the Visitation Journal, documenting exactly when and where court ordered visitation has been attempted.

To Apply for Services

1. Attend the Orientation. It is held on Wednesdays at 1:30, and will last about an hour.
2. Complete an Application and attach a complete copy of your most recent court ordered visitation schedule. (You can obtain an Application at Orientation.)

ORIENTATION

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
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Resources

Domestic Relations Office
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(512) 854-9696

Office of the Attorney General
1-800-252-8014

Travis County Lawyer Referral Services
(512) 472-8303

Volunteer Legal Services
(512) 476-5550

Legal Aid Society of Central Texas
(512) 447-7707

Travis County Attorney's Office
Protective Order Unit
(512) 854-4163

Austin Child Guidance Center
(512) 451-2242

Communities in Schools
(512) 462-1771

Dispute Resolution Center
(512) 371-0033

Divorce Recovery & Family Resource
Center (512) 502-1882

Lifeworks
(512) 735-2400

SafePlace
(512) 267-7233

YWCA
(512) 326-1222

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Number no longer in service

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