

COMPARISON OF PARENTING COORDINATION & PARENTING FACILITATION

Court-Appointed Services :	PARENTING COORDINATION	PARENTING FACILITATION
Duties:	<p>All duties of PF—EXCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May NOT monitor compliance with court orders and may NOT decide Cannot draft legal documents 	<p>All duties of PC—EXCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May also monitor compliance with court orders, but may NOT decide Cannot draft legal documents
Requirements for provider:	<p>Does NOT require licensure as MHP, but does require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor’s degree in Counseling, Education, Family Studies, Psychology, or Social Work <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate degree in mental health profession with an emphasis on family & children’s issues <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed attorney in good standing with the bar <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has worked in a field relating to families <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has practical experience with high-conflict cases or litigation between parents 	<p>Requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed mental health professional: <u>OR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist <u>OR</u> o Licensed Professional Counselor <u>OR</u> o Licensed Psychologist <u>OR</u> o Licensed Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed attorney in good standing with the bar <p>Does NOT require [unless board standards to be adopted will require]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Degree which has an emphasis on family & children’s issues <input type="checkbox"/> Experience in field relating to families <input type="checkbox"/> Experience with high-conflict cases or litigation between parents
Specialized training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 40 hours of mediation training <input type="checkbox"/> 8 hours of family violence training <input type="checkbox"/> 24 classroom hours of training in family dynamics, child development, family law & laws governing parenting coordination, & parenting coordination styles & procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Court may waive all required training except family violence based on legal or other professional training or experience in dispute resolution processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 40 hours of mediation training <input type="checkbox"/> 8 hours of family violence training <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hours of training in family dynamics, child development & family law <input type="checkbox"/> 16 hours of training in the laws governing PC & PF & the multiple styles & procedures used in different models of service <input type="checkbox"/> Additional training required by the licensing board on standards of practice adopted by the board <input type="checkbox"/> Court may not waive any requirements
Ethical guidelines:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow ethical guidelines for mediators & if do, presumed to act in good faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow standards to be adopted by licensing board & if do, presumed to act in good faith
Conflict of interest:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Disclose known relationships that may affect or appear to affect neutrality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May never before or after serve in any other capacity with participant or family member
Confidentiality:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential: all records are confidential <input type="checkbox"/> Communications may occur outside of PC sessions & disclosure is prohibited under mediator guidelines, unless authorized. <input type="checkbox"/> Not required to keep records unless licensing standards require. <input type="checkbox"/> Report to court <u>ONLY</u> whether process should or should not continue <input type="checkbox"/> May NOT testify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-confidential: records are not confidential & client is expressly not treated as a patient <input type="checkbox"/> Any communication occurring outside of a PF session must be disclosed to all attorneys (& pro se parties) if it involves the substance of PF <input type="checkbox"/> Must keep records for 7 years <input type="checkbox"/> May report to the court regarding recommendations for implementation & clarification of provisions of an existing court order (but NOT regarding conservatorship or possession or access of a child) <input type="checkbox"/> May testify