



## Family Support Services

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### Guide to Available Services

- **Alcohol Monitoring** – Alcohol monitoring involves the use of devices or testing systems to track whether a person is consuming alcohol.
- **Abuse Intervention Services** – These classes help individuals learn how to manage anger, improve communication, and handle conflict in healthier ways.
- **Child Counsel** – A child counsel attorney represents or advocates for the child’s best interests in court.
- **Co-Parenting Classes** – This class helps parents learn how to communicate effectively and work together in raising their child after separation.
- **Custody Evaluations** – A custody evaluation is a detailed assessment conducted by a licensed professional to help the court determine what custody arrangement is in the best interest of the child. This may include interviews, home visits, and review of family dynamics.
- **DNA Testing** – DNA testing is used to determine biological relationships, such as establishing paternity.
- **High Conflict Parenting Classes** – This class is designed for parents experiencing high levels of conflict. It is a skills-based co-parenting class that teaches parents how to manage emotions, reduce conflict, and protect their children from stress during times of transition and moving forward.
- **Home Study** – A home study is a visit to a residence to ensure that the home environment is safe and appropriate for a child. This may include reviewing living conditions and speaking with household members.
- **Mediation** – Mediation is a process where a neutral third party helps both sides reach an agreement on issues such as custody, visitation, or finances. It can take place in person or by Zoom.

- **Monitored Exchanges** – Monitored exchanges provide a safe, neutral setting for parents to transfer the child between them, helping reduce conflict.
- **Parenting Coordination** – A parenting coordinator helps parents resolve ongoing disputes about parenting issues (such as schedules, communication, or decision-making) without returning to court each time.
- **Parenting Skills Classes** – These classes provide guidance on effective parenting techniques and are tailored based on the child’s age.
- **Psychological Evaluations** – A psychological evaluation is conducted by a licensed psychologist to assess a person’s mental health, emotional functioning, and overall well-being as it relates to the case.
- **Substance Abuse Evaluations** – This evaluation determines whether a person has a substance use issue and whether treatment is recommended.
- **Supervised Visitation** – Supervised visitation allows a parent to spend time with their child while a trained professional is present to ensure the child’s safety and well-being. The supervisor supports positive and appropriate interactions and helps create a safe, comfortable environment for the child.
- **Therapeutic Visitation/Parent Reunification** – This service helps rebuild or strengthen the relationship between a parent and child, often with the support of a licensed therapist. It may be used when there has been a period of separation or conflict.
- **Urine Drug Testing** – Drug testing is used to detect the presence of substances such as alcohol or drugs.