



Have you filed for divorce or custody and need an order for Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Time? *The Friend of the Court can help!*

What is Conciliation?

The Friend of the Court offers a no-cost service to help you get a temporary Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Time order in recently filed divorce cases. This is called Conciliation.

What happens in Conciliation?

In Conciliation, the parents meet with experienced FOC staff early in the case to see if there is agreement on Custody and Parenting Time. Your income information is used to calculate child support. Your agreement and the support amount then become a court Order.

What if we can't agree?

If you are unable to agree, the FOC will make a Recommended Order to the court for Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Time with the information they have. If either parent disagrees with the Recommended Order, one or both of you can file an Objection with the court that states your position and the court will decide.

Is Conciliation an option for me?

To qualify for Conciliation, all of the following must be true:

- Your case for divorce or custody has been filed and served on the other parent.
- You and the other parent live in different homes.
- You have not filed a Motion with the court for temporary child support, custody, or parenting time.
- You want a temporary child support, custody, and parenting time order.
- You are willing to participate in the Conciliation process.

When and how is Conciliation scheduled?

First, you submit a Request for Conciliation. Once the FOC receives the Request and confirms that you qualify, then you will receive a letter setting the Conciliation appointment at the FOC office, usually within 2-3 weeks of the request. You will be asked to bring income and other information with you to the appointment.

What if only one of us comes to Conciliation?

If only one parent comes to the Conciliation, the FOC will make a Recommended Order to the court with the available information. If no one attends, the Conciliation will be canceled.

What are my other options?

If Conciliation is not a good fit for you or you don't qualify, you can file a Motion for Temporary Relief with the court asking for temporary Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Time. Your Motion will be set for a court hearing and the court will decide.