



**Superior Court of California
County of Trinity
Family Court Services**

Child Custody Recommending Counseling: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- 1. Child Custody Recommending Counselors' assist parents in matters relating to child custody and visitation.**
- 2. The CCRC may review a limited number of documents provided by a parent only if there is verification that the other parent has had the opportunity to review those documents.**
- 3. Privacy and the CCRC process. While reasonable efforts are made to keep your contact information private, the CCRC must disclose information about your case if there is an allegation or suspicion of child abuse or neglect or if there is a belief that someone may hurt him/herself or others. If the parties do not agree on a parenting plan, the CCRC will submit a report with recommendations regarding the custody and visitation issues involving the children to the court. The CCRC may disclose information about the parties as necessary. You may pick up your copy of the report at a scheduled time with the Family Court Services assistant.**
- 4. Separate appointments will be scheduled when there are sworn allegations', or a history of domestic violence or when there is a restraining order in place that protects one party from the other party.**
- 5. The amount of time a CCRC can give to each family is limited. In addition to the CCRC session your case may also require document review, child interviews, telephone calls and further investigative efforts, report writing, and an appearance in court by the CCRC.**
- 6. You must arrive on time for the CCRC appointment. The CCRC may conduct a meeting if only one parent attends and the information provided by that parent will be sent to court. The CCRC will inform the court if a parent fails to attend mediation without prior arrangements.**
- 7. A CCRC generally does not have private discussions with parents or their attorneys on matters related to custody and visitation unless separate appointments have been scheduled. *Certain statutory exceptions apply.***
- 8. Children are not to be brought to the CCRC session without prior approval. *A CCRC or a judge will determine whether children are to be interviewed.***
- 9. A CCRC does not investigate crimes or allegations' of child abuse. These issues will be referred to the sheriffs' department and/or CPS. The court and the sheriffs' department deal with enforcement issues. Only attorneys can give legal advice, including advice about enforcement of court orders.**
- 10. It is the responsibility of the parties to advise the court and the CCRC program of any changes in addresses or phone numbers.**