

# Maximizing the Role of Counseling in Co-Parenting & Custody Plans

*Best practices for involving professionals in step-up plans and co-parenting*

Most legal professionals recognize that the adversarial nature of family court is not conducive to successful family dynamics and co-parenting. As a result, lawyers, parenting coordinators, and court professionals may refer families for therapeutic support to resolve familial disputes. Often, parent coordinators are appointed to oversee treatment compliance and provide case management for the many professionals involved. Therapists and parenting coordinators can help or hinder the successful functioning of court-involved families and often the success of the providers involved depends on the underlying stipulations or orders to engage in therapy. This program considers the many ways a family may engage in therapeutic support while court-involved as well as the limitations of therapists in working in these cases.

## Agenda

- Considerations in Selecting an Appropriate Child Therapist, Family Therapist, Individual Therapist, or Co-Parenting Coach
- Benefits and Means of Involving Support Professionals with Counsel as They Collaborate to Create Effective Parenting Plans
- Changes to Existing Parenting Plans That May Be Needed to Support Therapeutic Work and How Those Changes are Suggested and Made
- Various Ways Therapeutic Privilege Impacts Work with Court-Involved Therapists and Legal Professionals
- Pros and Cons of Step-Up Parenting Plans; How to Draft Successful Step-Up Parenting Plans; and What Providers Can or Cannot Do Within a Step-Up Parenting Plan

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## Dates & Location

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Thursday, July 11, 2024  
12:00 pm–1:00 pm  
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Friday, July 26, 2024  
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