

1. The children, [NAMES], and their parents shall participate in family counselling with the objective of:
 - a. obtaining recommendations and implementing those recommendations with respect to the joint parenting plan; and
 - b. improving the communication between the parents; and
 - c. xxx
2. The parties shall cooperate with the intake process as directed by the therapist/counsellor, including signing releases of information to speak with professionals who may assist with the intake process.
3. The parties and, to the extent that they can be encouraged to do so, the children, will fully comply with the intake process as directed by a therapist/counsellor.
4. The therapist/counsellor may communicate with any medical, mental health, education professionals who are treating, working with or have treated or worked with either party or the children as needed to effectuate a successful intake process.
5. Third party professionals, described above, who have privileged information regarding the children shall be authorized to speak with, and share such information with the therapist/counsellor.
6. Any such information shall remain privileged and may not be disclosed by the therapist/counsellor, in their discretion, except to a court of competent jurisdiction if it is necessary to explain the actions or recommendations of the therapist or as may be authorized by further order of such court, or as may be agreed to by the parties.
7. The parties shall have an affirmative duty to fully participate in all aspects of the counselling process as directed by a therapist/counsellor, including the development of an aftercare plan with a therapist.
8. The parties shall follow the recommendations that are proposed by the therapist. The parties shall engage the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator/arbitrator or parenting coordinator to resolve any disputes as to the interpretation and implementation of any aftercare plan proposed by the therapist.
9. The parties shall sign any and all releases necessary so that information can be communicated between the therapist and professionals who may be dealing with the family.

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