



Superior Court of the State of California, County of Yolo

FAMILY COURT SERVICES/SELF-HELP CENTER

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Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC)

Family Court Services is responsible for coordinating Child Custody Recommending Counseling, also referred to as mediation. In family law cases that have contested issues of child custody and visitation, both parents of the child will be referred to a Child Custody Recommending Counselor.

Counselors are mental health professionals who have experience working with children and families. Counselors meet with both parents to discuss issues regarding child custody, visitation, and parenting plans.

The goals of the CCRC are to:

- (a) Help reduce the hostility or conflict between the parents,
- (b) Help parents to create parenting plans that are in the best interests of their children, and
- (c) Consider the health, safety, and wellbeing of the children.

After meeting with the parents, the Counselor will prepare a written report for the judge that contains any agreements that the parents have reached and/or the recommendations of the Counselor.

If a parent has not attended a CCRC session in the past two years, the parent is *required* to first complete an online orientation.

This orientation is available online free of charge, in English and Spanish. If you do not have a computer or internet access, you may contact the Family Court Services office for assistance.

Instructions for completing the online orientation:

- (a) Access the course online at <https://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/divisions/family/child-custody-recommending-counseling>
- (b) Review the Orientation Packet and view the Orientation Video.
- (c) Complete the Intake form.

Once the orientation is completed and a Proof of Service and/or a Responsive Declaration has been filed, you should contact Family Court Services.

An appointment will be scheduled.

Parents are expected to participate and communicate in good faith to try to resolve their disputes.

If you need additional information, please contact Family Court Services by phone (530) 406-6720 or email yfcs@yolo.courts.ca.gov