

OTHER RESOURCES

Arizona Supreme Court

Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart (booklet)

Court Services Division, Court Programs Unit
1501 W. Washington, Ste. 410 | Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 452-3360
www.azcourts.gov

Arizona Youth Partnership

143 S. Broad St. | Globe, AZ 85501
(928) 425-9276
www.app.org

Coolidge Family Resource Center (parenting classes)

340 S. Main St. | Coolidge, AZ 85228
(520) 723-4711

DES Division of Child Support Services

www.azdes.gov/dcsc/ParentingTime

Family Services of the Conciliation Court

119 W. Central Ave. | Coolidge, AZ 85128
(520) 866-7349
Email: mediator-pinal@courts.az.gov
www.pinalcountyaz.gov/fsc

Pinal County Superior Court

971 N. Jason Lopez Circle | Bldg. A
Florence, AZ 85132
(520) 866-5400

Superstition Mountain Mental Health Center

(supervised visitation assessment)
P.O. Box 3160 | Apache Junction, AZ 85217
(480) 671-4501, ext. 119

Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange

La Paloma Center
117 N. Florence St. | Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 421-1503 (by appointment only)



PARENTING TIME

Spending time together
when you live apart

*"Any man can be a father ...
it takes a special person to be a dad."*
— Proverb

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WHAT IS PARENTING TIME?

Parenting time is the time you spend with your child, being a parent. This could include time spent together during outings to places around town, or time spent with you in your home. Parenting time can be for a few hours, or for days at a time.

WHAT ABOUT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING?

Legal decision-making, which used to be called legal custody, is the right to make significant, nonemergency decisions for the child, including decisions about **education, health care, religious training and personal care**. It does not include the routine decisions you will need to make while the child is with you, such as what the child will eat for dinner, which bedtime story to read, which movie or television show the child will watch, or what the child will wear to school.



"The smallest moments can have the biggest impact on a child's life."
— Author unknown

In Arizona, parents can have sole or joint legal decision-making authority. **Joint** legal decision-making means that both parents work together to make major decisions for their child. **Sole** legal decision-making authority means that one parent makes the major decisions for the child. Legal decision-making authority is addressed at the same time that a parenting time plan is put in place.

WHAT IS A PARENTING TIME PLAN?

A **Parenting Time Plan** is a schedule that tells each parent when they will have their child with them for parenting time. There are all kinds of parenting plans, and yours can be customized for your unique situation.

DO I NEED A PARENTING TIME PLAN?

Having a parenting time plan allows both parents and children to know when they will be spending time together as a family. You can plan your schedule



knowing what days and times you will have your child with you. Children also benefit from knowing when they get to spend time with mom or dad.

HOW DO I GET A PARENTING TIME PLAN?

Parents can request mediation by contacting Pinal County Conciliation Court at:

(520) 866-7349

or online at:

www.PinalCountyAZ.gov/FSCC

(click on "forms")

There is no fee for mediation.

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."
— Barbara Johnson

