

## What is Parenting Time?

“Parenting time” is:

- The time each parent spends with his or her children.
- It can be a schedule based on an agreement between parents.
- The court can also set a schedule based on the best interests of the children if the parents cannot agree.

*A healthy connection between the children and both parents is very important.*

- Parenting time plans can help children and parents create a regular schedule that they can depend on.
- If the children have a good relationship with both parents, it will help them at home and in school.



## What is Included in a Parenting Time Plan?

- Which parent makes decisions about the health, education, and general well-being of the children.
- Which parent the children live with the majority of the time.
- A schedule for when the children will be with each parent.

*For more information on Parenting Plans, visit the California Courts website at [www.courts.ca.gov/15872.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/15872.htm)*

If your Web-enabled smartphone has a QR Code reader, snap this tag with your phone's camera to go to the California Courts website.



## The Parenting Time Process

San Diego Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) has received a federal grant to help parents establish a parenting time order along with a new child support order.

Parents who are eligible for this project can discuss parenting time with a DCSS caseworker.

**If parents can agree on a parenting time plan they will:**

- Not have to pay a \$435 per person court filing fee.
- Meet with a Family Law Facilitator representative to prepare the court documents.
- Not have to appear in court.

**If parents cannot agree on a parenting time plan but still want one, they will:**

- Meet with a Family Law Facilitator representative to prepare documents to schedule a future court hearing.
- Pay a \$435 fee per person court filing fee unless eligible for a fee waiver.
- Attend a court hearing where a judge will decide on parenting time.

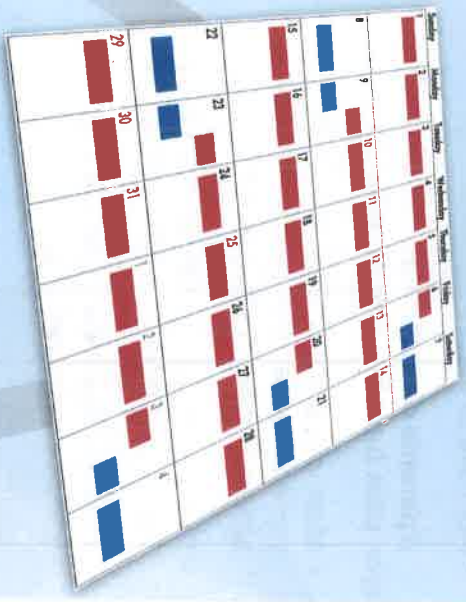
*A parenting time agreement becomes a court order after it is signed by both parents, signed by a judge and filed with the court.*



# Things to Know

- DCSS can assist you in obtaining a parenting time order. However, the department cannot help enforce or change the terms of the order.
- If enforcement or changes are needed, you can get help from the Family Law Facilitators Office or from a private attorney.
- The amount of time each parent spends with the children can impact the amount of child support ordered.

You can obtain a parenting time plan today that is in the best interest of your children.



Ask your DCSS caseworker or go to the department website at [www.sandiegochildsupport.org](http://www.sandiegochildsupport.org) for more information.

This pamphlet gives information about the general procedures of the County of San Diego Department of Child Support Services, and should be used for informational purposes only. You have the option to consult an attorney. The Department of Child Support Services does not offer legal representation or give legal advice.



*"Enhance the lives and well-being of children and promote family self-sufficiency by establishing and enforcing support orders."*

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# Interested in Parenting Time?



*\*Participants must meet eligibility criteria*

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