



GENERAL CRITERION FOR SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT REFERRED PROVIDERS

The Sacramento Superior Court has established the following criteria for those providers included on the Resource Referral Provider lists. The Family Court maintains provider lists as a convenience to court users who have been ordered to complete services. The purpose of the criteria is to maintain professional standards among our community providers and to provide seamless access to services by Court users.

Lists of qualified providers are made available to parties and their attorneys on the Court's website, as well as from the Self Help Center. The choice of provider is left to the court user.

Updates to the provider lists can be requested at any time. To submit a change request, submit a new Resource Referral Provider application via regular mail to the Family Court Resource Referral Program at the address on the Court's website.

The Resource Referral lists are maintained solely as a service to Family Court customers, and constitutes neither an endorsement nor recommendation by the Court.

In order to be included on one or more of the Sacramento Superior Court's provider lists, all providers must meet the following criteria relative to the service area covered.

It is the responsibility of the provider to notify the Court in writing of any change which renders you illegible for inclusion on one or more lists.

Alcohol and Drug Services

Any provider offering Alcohol or Drug evaluation or treatment must be certified or licensed through the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and in compliance with CDADP regulations, or licensed with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Board of Psychology or Board of Behavioral Sciences. Providers utilizing Master's level practitioners and practicing interns must be in compliance with the rules of the aforementioned governing board(s), and interns shall be registered.

Standards for drug or genetic testing laboratories are not included in this document.

Anger Management Services

The following criterion is considered minimum to qualify as an anger management facilitator:

- 1) Has completed forty hours of anger management facilitator training with emphasis in each of

the following areas:

- Adult, parent, child anger management
- child development, from birth through adolescence
- family and domestic violence
- family conflict and anxiety
- stress management
- child abuse

2) Uses a reliable assessment tool that includes a **Pre** and **Post** test to measure outcomes

3) Receives 16 hours of continued education annually in any of the above areas.

Any provider offering anger management for clients referred from Family Court must address at least 15 of the following core topics during the anger management program:

- Gaining personal control
- Stress Management
- Emotional Intelligence
- Fundamental Child Development, ages birth through adolescence
- Basic Communication Skills
- Positive Communication
- Role Modeling and Positive Parenting Reinforcement
- Characteristics of Healthy Families
- Personal Anger Management
- Child Abuse and Corporal Punishment
- Responding to Child Tantrums
- Coping with Stress
- Child Discipline Alternatives and Behavior Plans
- Family Conflict, Anxiety, and Resolution
- Family Violence, Domestic Violence, and Prevention
- Provocation and Alternative Response
- Identifying Distorted Thinking
- Irrational Beliefs
- Active Listening
- Developing Empathy
- Identifying and Expressing Needs
- Assertiveness vs. Bullying
- Coping with Angry People
- Conducting Successful Family Meetings

For counseling, see also requirements under Counseling/Therapy.

Co-parenting

There are varying degrees of co-parenting programs however; they are broken down into two basic categories as follows:

Classroom Education: The Co-Parent Educator offering instructive services in a classroom setting are

considered educational as opposed to treatment oriented and are regulated in part by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing if they provide services sanctioned and supervised by a public school district. Other providers offering classroom services for Co-Parent Education must be sanctioned and supervised by a licensed mental health provider, such as Kaiser Permanente, Sutter North Medical Foundation, Mercy, UC Davis or the County Department of Health and Human Services (or similarly county subcontracted mental health agency) or possess an advanced degree (Bachelor level or above) in early childhood education.

Any provider offering co-parent education for clients referred from Family Court must address at least 15 of the following core topics of co-parenting:

- Impact of divorce/separation on children
- Children's reaction to divorce/separation at each developmental stage
- Impact of post divorce/separation CONFLICT on children
- Long term impact of children caught in loyalty conflicts
- Legal Divorce: Best interests presumption, definition of legal and physical custody and how it affects children
- Emotional divorce: Redefining relationships and roles as parents and preserving the child's emotions
- Stages of grief and the process of "letting go" for both parents and child
- Qualities of a successful co-parenting relationship
- Standards of conduct for a working co-parent relationship
- Ground rules for parental cooperation
- Establishing effective communication
- Understanding anger and its effect on children
- Why conflicts happened in the past and how to prevent future conflicts
- Conflict assessment and management techniques
- Co-Parenting basics
- Cooperative skills building exercises for parents
- Communication skills building exercises for parents
- Parenting Styles
- How parents and children cope with stress
- Anger Management and Child Abuse Prevention
- Domestic violence – risk, awareness, and prevention
- Community Resources and support networks
- Community Activities for children and parents

For counseling, see requirements under Counseling/Therapy.

Counseling/Therapy (includes Victim Counseling)

Any provider offering individual, group and family counseling or a provider who has specialization in treating victims of crime or domestic violence is considered to be a Mental Health provider and must be certified and licensed with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences and/or the Board of Psychology. Providers utilizing Master's level practitioners and/or practicing interns must be in compliance with the rules of the aforementioned governing board(s), and interns shall be registered.

Employment Services

Any organization offering job training, job seeking skills or placement assistance at no cost may be included on this list.

Parent Education

At this time, the California Department of Consumer Affairs does not regulate the provision of Parent Education as a stand alone service.

The Parent Educator does not provide treatment and may be regulated by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing if they provide services sanctioned and supervised by a public school district. Other providers offering classroom services for Parent Education must be sanctioned and supervised by a licensed mental health provider, such as Kaiser Permanente, Sutter North Medical Foundation, Mercy, UC Davis or the County Department of Health and Human Services (or similarly county subcontracted mental health agency) or possess an advanced degree (Bachelor level or above) in early childhood education.

Supervised Visitation

Any provider offering Supervised Visitation services must do so in compliance with California Family Code Section 3202, and the California Rules of Court (CRC) Standard 5.20. Clients shall be provided with materials on the role of the provider, the terms and conditions of supervised visitation, and the legal responsibilities and obligations of a provider.

- Evaluation Fees _____
- Treatment Fees _____

Anger Management

- Classes
 - Individual # of weeks _____ Fees _____
 - Group # of weeks _____ Fees _____

Co-Parenting

- Education Length of Program _____ Fees _____
- Counseling Fees _____

Counseling/Therapy

- Individual
 - Adult Fees _____
 - Adolescent Fees _____
 - Child Fees _____
- Family Fees _____

- Victim of Crime/Domestic Violence
 - Adult Fees _____
 - Adolescent Fees _____
 - Child Fees _____
- Group Fees _____

Employment Services – No Cost

- Job Training
- Job Seeking Skills
- Placement Assistance

Parent Education Classes

Ages of children _____ Fees _____

Supervised Visitation

- Individual Fees _____
- Group Fees _____
- Therapist Supervised Fees _____
- Safe Exchange Fees _____

I _____(name or agency) will immediately notify the Sacramento Superior Court in writing if there is any change where the person/agency no longer meets all of the requirements under the general criterion for court referred providers.

Date

Signature