

PARENTING PARTNERSHIPS, INC.
Family Life Educators work with families to help them:

- improve communication skills to facilitate effective co-parenting/parenting
- reduce chronic litigation
- restructure and restabilize homes
- design parenting plans that work in the best interest of their children
- identify their goals and determine strengths they bring to assist them in reaching those goals
- look at behaviors and ways of thinking that get in the way of reaching their goals
- assist parents in complying with court orders
- raise awareness and skill in collaborative planning and decision making for their children
- facilitate communication between parents and between parents and others who relate to their children—e.g., grandparents, school personnel, and therapists
- use mediation techniques to resolve specific issues

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Parenting Partnerships, Inc. Founders and Associates are Family Life Educators with specific training in Collaborative Family Law, Family Mediation, Parenting Coordination, and Co-parent Facilitation. We continuously update our education and training through membership and participation in AFCC and TAFCC (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – National and State) – CLITX (Collaborative Law Institute of Texas) – NCFR and TCFR (National and State Council on Family Relations).



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COPARENTING PARTNERSHIPS



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Parenting Partnerships provides support for families that want to prevent future parenting, co-parenting or other relationship conflicts. Our professionals are Certified Family Life Educators.

What Are Family Life Educators?

Family life educators provide skills and knowledge to enrich individual and family life. Certification as a family life educator or CFLE recognizes a proven background and understanding in each of ten family life substance areas. While CFLEs may work specifically in one discipline, such as parent education or marriage enrichment, their understanding of the many areas that affect today's families enables them to be more effective in their efforts to educate and work with individuals and families. The CFLE is a highly regarded credential that assures knowledge, expertise and professionalism in the family field.

The ten substance areas are:

Families in Society

- **Internal Dynamics of Families**
- **Human Growth/Life Span Development**
- **Human Sexuality**
- **Interpersonal Relationships**
- **Family Resource Management**
- **Parent Education and Guidance**
- **Family Law and Public Policy**
- **Family Life Education Methodology**
- **Ethics**

Visit: www.ncfr.org for more information.

FAMILIES AND DIVORCE

Parenting Partnerships' Family Life Educators offer guidance and support that will help parents navigate the legal process of divorce or ongoing custody issues.

Collaborative Law Allied Professionals

Collaborative Law allows couples to divorce with dignity and offers an alternative to litigation. Allied Professionals support the use of a team approach. Allied professionals facilitators have specialized training in family and child development, family mediation, and the collaborative law process. They assist facilitating communication and they help parents understand the unique needs of their children, and the particular personal and developmental factors which should be considered in developing an effective parenting plan.

Co-parent Education and Family Stabilization

Parenting Partnerships offers **Coparenting Partnership's Children in the Middle class**, a two part, six-hour co-parenting education and family stabilization course that meets statutory guidelines mandated by many family courts. Part 1 focuses on Adult Issues and Part 2 focuses on Children's Issues. The courses are offered in multiple locations in Dallas/Ft. Worth and Houston.

Parenting Coordination:

Parenting Coordinators assist parents in resolving issues related to co-parenting/parenting or other family issues in high conflict law suits. Parenting coordination can be court ordered or agreed upon in mediation. It is considered an Alternative Dispute Resolution process.

Co-parenting Case Management:

The Co-parenting Case Manager is similar to Parenting Coordination however a Co-parenting Case Manager can write status reports to the court as needed and defined in the order, testify in court, be contacted by other professionals, and will be present during hearings. The Co-parenting Case Manager may arbitrate co-parenting disagreements between parents if so agreed.

Co-parenting Facilitation

Co-parenting Facilitation is a volunteer process where both parents agree to seek the services of a family life educator to restructure and restabilize the family during the divorce or separation process. It is useful in litigated divorce, and is a part of the Collaborative Law divorce in which lawyers and family life educators work as a team to provide a strategy for achieving reasonable settlement while minimizing the damage to the family.