

## FAMILY COURT SERVICES

### Chatsworth Courthouse

9425 Penfield Avenue, Room 3700  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

### Compton Courthouse

200 W. Compton Blvd. Room 1003  
Compton, CA 90220

### Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse

275 Magnolia Avenue, Room 3001  
Long Beach, CA 90802

### Michael D. Antonovich

#### Antelope Valley Courthouse

42011 4th Street West, Room 3575  
Lancaster, CA 93534

### Pasadena Courthouse

300 East Walnut Street, Room 100  
Pasadena, CA 91101

### Pomona Courthouse South

400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 110  
Pomona, CA 91766

### Stanley Mosk Courthouse

111 N Hill Street, Room 241  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### Torrance Courthouse

825 Maple Avenue, Room 450  
Torrance, CA 90503

### Van Nuys Courthouse East

6230 Sylmar Avenue, Room 213  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

### Whittier Courthouse

7339 South Painter Avenue, Room 101  
Whittier, CA 90602

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# Parenting Plan Assessment

## One Day



## Family Court Services

(213)830-0835



Your Fee for this Assessment:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A **One-Day Parenting Plan Assessment (PPA1)** is ordered when there are issues before the Court which require additional information and clinical judgment. The FCS Specialist will interview the parents and any child(ren) aged 8 or older via videoconference using WebEx and/or in-person. The interviews may take place prior to the scheduled date. The FCS Specialist will contact the parties in advance to set the time and send out video links for each interview if applicable.

Provided there are no Covid related health symptoms, the FCS Specialist will request that both parents and child(ren) appear at the FCS office for interviews and an individual family observation between the minor child(ren) (all ages) and each parent. All parents and child(ren) over age 2 will be required to wear face coverings as required by Los Angeles County. The FCS Specialist will arrange the time and location of the family observation in advance.

Prior to the hearing, the FCS Specialist will meet with the parties via videoconference, telephone conference or in-person to review recommendations for custody and visitation. Counsel for represented parties will be invited to attend. The Court hearing will be scheduled at 1:30 pm. The FCS Specialist will testify as to their findings and recommendations at the time of the hearing and are subject to cross-examination.

#### **Fees**

Unless specifically waived by the Court, the fee for this service must be paid to the Family Law Clerk's Office of any courthouse where there is a Family Court Services Office. Payment must

be received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date that the order for the Parenting Plan Assessment is made. If the fee is not received within those 21 calendar days, the Parenting Plan Assessment will be canceled. If canceled, you will need to seek reinstatement directly from the Court.

If your case settles after payment is made, you must notify the FCS office prior to the date of the Parenting Plan Assessment to receive a full refund. Otherwise, a \$53 administrative fee will be assessed.

#### **Written Materials You Wish the FCS Specialist to Review**

You must provide the other parent or their lawyer copies of any written materials before the FCS Specialist may review them. Please send all documents to the email address provided by the FCS Specialist. These documents may include letters or reports from a therapist, physician, law enforcement or school (such as attendance records or report cards).

#### **Collateral Contacts**

Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of any persons who have relevant information about the custody issue and who you would like the FCS Specialist to contact. Please keep in mind that the PPA process is limited in time and scope. The FCS Specialist may not have time to interview or contact everyone you suggest. They may not have time to review all documents you provide but will focus on information relevant to the issues before the Court.

#### **The Interview Process**

The Family Court-Services (FCS) Specialist will need some time to speak with you without the child(ren) present during your interview, whether in-person, by phone or videoconference. **If you have young child(ren), please have someone available who can care for them while you are speaking with the FCS Specialist.** Please download the WebEx app to your electronic device (computer, phone or tablet) in preparation for the video conference if applicable.

Be honest and clear. Do not assume the FCS Specialist already knows something because you told someone else in the court. If you have any trouble understanding the questions or feel you are not being understood, please share your concerns.

Please inform the FCS Specialist as soon as possible if there has been any violence between the parents (verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or technology-enabled).

If the FCS Specialist finds a reasonable suspicion of child abuse, elder abuse or learn that an individual may harm themselves or others they have a legal and ethical duty to report this information.

The FCS Specialist will provide the parties or their counsel and the Court with written recommendations once the PPA has been completed. The parties are given the opportunity to agree to those recommendations. If there is no agreement, the FCS Specialist will testify in court as to their findings and conclusions.