FAQs About Parenting Time Supervision

Q: What is Parenting Time Supervision?

A: Parenting Time Supervision may also be known as "Supervised Visitation." In some cases, if a couple with children has separated and cannot agree on the terms of their parenting time, a judge may decree that the non-custodial parent visit with their child/ren in the company of a neutral third person, a "parenting supervisor."

Q: Why would a Parenting Supervisor be required?

A: In TV and movies, the most common reason portrayed is due to some type of abuse, but this is only one possibility. The non-custodial parent may have a physical or mental illness: if they experience an episode while with their child, a third party may be necessary to alert emergency services and keep the child safe & calm while they are being treated. The non-custodial parent may struggle with parenting skills, and need someone to observe and model appropriate behavior, etc. The safety & well-being of the child is the ultimate concern.

Q: Who pays for a Parenting Supervisor?

A: Although a judge determines when a supervisor is necessary, the non-custodial parent is responsible for finding and paying for a supervisor. This can be difficult if the parent is on a fixed income, disability, impoverished, or un/under-employed.

Q: How much is a Parenting Supervisor?

A: People working as supervisors set their own rates; there is no standard rate in Oregon. Prices could be as low as \$30/hour or as high as \$200/hour. At this time, there are more people in need of supervisors than there are people who offer the service. There is a particular need for people to assist incarcerated parents in spending time with their children.

Q: What is required to be a Supervisor in Oregon?

A: Requirements in Multnomah County are very basic, you must be 18 or older, and agree to follow the rules of the court.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Supervised Visitation