

Families in Transition Quarterly Report

Second Quarter 2009

District Court of Tulsa County

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Parenting Plan Conference

1. Family Court Case Coordinator:
 - a. Verified services with the Department of Human Services (DHS) on all cases scheduled for the Parenting Plan Conference docket;
 - b. Case data submitted to the DHS – Child Support Enforcement offices each week:

Total cases verified by DHS:

1st Quarter: 453

2nd Quarter: 534

Total: 987

Of the cases verified, total disclaimers signed and filed by the Family Court Case Coordinator (family did not have services with DHS):

1st Quarter: 295

2nd Quarter: 367

Total: 662

Of the cases verified, total cases sent to DHS for review/signage (family had services with DHS):

1st Quarter: 158

2nd Quarter: 167

Total: 325

2. Family Resource Coordinator:
 - a. Provided community resources to all litigants;
 - b. Distributed the Parenting Plan Conference Survey to all litigants;
 - c. Mediated temporary agreements with self-represented litigants, resulting in financial and visitation agreements.

Agreed-to Docket

Family Resource Coordinator:

1. Assisted the Family Court Judges, using a check list to sort self-represented litigant paperwork before seeing the Judge;
2. Distributed the Family Court Survey to all self-represented litigants with minor children.

High Conflict Cases

Family Court Case Coordinator:

1. Received eight (8) high conflict cases;
2. Created the procedure for working with the attorneys and litigants:
 - a. Drafted the form letter for attorneys that starts the communication process and sets the initial meeting with the attorneys to meet the case coordinator;
 - b. Created the needs assessment for litigants that will be utilized at the litigant's initial meeting with the case coordinator;
3. Updated the high conflict database with case information to track outcomes.

Uniform Instructions

1. Flow chart created to help divorcing litigants navigate through the court system;
2. Revised the Court Clerk instruction sheets/packets for litigants, adding the flow chart and more detailed instructions.

Data Tracking

Family Court Case Coordinator compiled accessible data from The Oklahoma State Courts Network (OSCN) to show current outcomes and possible process improvements for the Families in Transition program:

Divorce with Minor Children filed:

1st Quarter: 411
 2nd Quarter: 429
Total: 840

Divorce without Minor Children filed:

1st Quarter: 462
 2nd Quarter: 427
Total: 889

Decree of Dissolution of Marriage filed:

1st Quarter: 701
 2nd Quarter: 862
Total: 1563

Protective Orders filed:

1st Quarter: 1466
 2nd Quarter: 1776
Total: 3242

Pending Cases by Judge:

FD Docket A: 2060
 FD Docket B: 1401
 FD Docket C: 1176
 FD Docket D: 1103
 FD Docket E: 1315
Total: 7055

Temporary Order Agreements filed:

1st Quarter: 153
 2nd Quarter: 189
Total: 342

Motions to Modify filed:

1st Quarter: 247
 2nd Quarter: 264
Total: 511

Surveys

The Family Court Case Coordinator compiled the results of the following surveys:

1. Parenting Plan Conference Survey. Results on page 5.
2. Family Court Survey. Results on page 6.

Upcoming Quality Improvement Activities	Status
Uniform procedures and instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise Families in Transition procedures; 2. Revise Local Court Rules. 	Uniform procedures and instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In progress by the members of the QAP panel, due Summer 2009; 2. In progress by the members of the QAP panel, due Summer 2009.
Surveys: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass out the Family Court Survey to litigants represented by an attorney; 2. Create a Family Court Survey for litigants without children. 	Surveys: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will start implementing third quarter; 2. Family Court Case Coordinator will create third quarter.

<p>Resources for Judges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update all resources and add specific information regarding drug testing and prices. 	<p>Resources for Judges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Resource Coordinator will update third quarter;
<p>Families in Transition website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update website on a consistent bases; 2. Add Families in Transition quarterly reports. 	<p>Families in Transition website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Court Case Coordinator will start updating third quarter; 2. Family Court Case Coordinator will add third quarter.
<p>High Conflict Cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a Likert Scale for client pre/post data that will track the levels of conflict, communication, and co-parenting; 2. Create a client evaluation to track the case coordination process. 	<p>High Conflict Cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Court Case Coordinator will create third quarter; 2. Family Court Case Coordinator will create third quarter.

Parenting Plan Conference

2009 Survey Totals - Quarterly

2nd Quarter

	Yes	No	N/A	Blank
1. I received a Families in Transition packet at the beginning of my divorce process. **New question as of 03/11/09.**	349 66.22%	112 21.25%	57 10.82%	9 1.71%
2. The instructions I received in the Families in Transition packet were useful.	329 94.27%	9 2.58%	11 3.15%	
3. The Judge did a good job of reminding us to keep conflict away from our children.	521 98.86%	1 0.19%	2 0.38%	3 0.57%
4. Did the DVD show how children are affected when parents do not work together?	520 98.67%	4 0.76%	3 0.57%	0 0.00%
5. The Family Resource Coordinator was beneficial.	521 98.86%	2 0.38%	3 0.57%	1 0.19%
6. I learned about community resources that are available to help me.	510 96.77%	6 1.14%	11 2.09%	0 0.00%
7. I am willing to work with my co-parent to develop a plan for parenting our children.	506 96.02%	6 1.14%	12 2.28%	3 0.57%
8. I am willing to agree to a Temporary Order.	459 87.10%	16 3.04%	37 7.02%	15 2.85%
9. I am represented by an attorney.	327 62.05%	188 35.67%	11 2.09%	1 0.19%
10. My relationship with my co-parent may improve because of the information I learned at the PPC.	405 76.85%	63 11.95%	44 8.35%	15 2.85%
11. I plan to use the information I received today to help my children.	518 98.29%	2 0.38%	6 1.14%	1 0.19%

Gender:	Age:	Race:
Male: 46.30% Female: 52.18%	18 and under: 1.52% 19 to 35: 60.72% 36 to 64: 35.67% 65 and up: 0.00%	African American: 7.59% Asian: 0.76% Hispanic: 4.17% Native American: 9.49% White: 72.49% Other: 3.42%

Total Surveys: 527
Total Litigants Surveyed: 892
Percent Complete: 59.08%

Family Court Survey

2009 Survey Totals - Quarterly

2nd Quarter

	Yes	No	N/A	Blank
1. During the PPC, the Judge clearly described the divorce procedure.	55 87.30%	5 7.94%	2 3.17%	1 1.59%
2. The Families in Transition process was helpful.	56 88.89%	4 6.35%	3 4.76%	0 0.00%
3. The Families in Transition process helped in making the divorce process easier for our children.	46 73.02%	9 14.29%	8 12.70%	0 0.00%
4. We participated in mediation.	14 22.22%	35 55.56%	14 22.22%	0 0.00%
5. The mediation process was helpful.	13 92.86%	1 7.14%		
6. We participated in a custody evaluation.	8 12.70%	33 52.38%	22 34.92%	0 0.00%
7. The custody evaluation was helpful.	8 100.00%	0 0.00%		
8. We participated in the process of Parent Coordination.	16 25.40%	24 38.10%	19 30.16%	4 6.35%
9. The process of Parent Coordination was helpful.	15 93.75%	1 6.25%		
10. We were able to resolve most of our parenting problems on our own.	52 82.54%	2 3.17%	8 12.70%	1 1.59%
11. I was treated with respect by the courthouse staff.	59 93.65%	0 0.00%	2 3.17%	2 3.17%
12. Did anyone help you prepare legal documents during this process?	34 53.97%	23 36.51%	0 0.00%	6 9.52%

Total Surveys: 63