

NEXT STEP COPARENTING OF MARIN

Consent to Participate in Next Step High Conflict Weekend Workshop

Next Step High Conflict Weekend Workshop is an educational program for parents going through the process of separation and/or divorce.

Purpose of the Class

I understand that Next Step High Conflict Weekend Workshop is a skill-based educational class. It is not psychotherapy, mediation, or evaluation. It does not provide legal advice. The class is carefully structured and organized to teach separated parents new skills to manage parental conflict. The goal is to equip you with the skills you need to work together for the sake of your children.

About Confidentiality

1. We may communicate with the Court about the participation of parents who have been court ordered to attend the workshop. However, this communication is limited to a report about the parent's attendance. We do not write detailed reports to the court, nor do we keep any records of class participation other than attendance records.
2. Complete confidentiality is never assured when individuals attend a workshop in a group setting. Unless both you and your co-parent sign our release of confidential information form, however, we will not discuss your participation in Next Step High Conflict Weekend Workshop with anyone other than the Court; including attorneys, mediators, parenting coordinators, new spouses or significant others. We will not testify in court about either parent's workshop participation unless the Court itself orders us to do so. Similarly, we will not release any records. By signing below you agree not to request or subpoena these records.

3. I understand that the instructors are mandated child/elder abuse reporters, and that they are required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse or elder abuse to the appropriate agency.

Impartiality of the Instructors

We try to be supportive and helpful to each coparent participating in this workshop. However, it is important that we do not "take sides" with one coparent over another. Because it is essential for us to be neutral, we will politely set limits if one of you tries to discuss the other coparent in detail. Individual consultation sessions with one or both co-parents may take place after the end of the workshop.

Tuition

Tuition is due in full at the beginning of the workshop. Because Next Step High Conflict Weekend Workshop is not psychotherapy, this service cannot be billed to your insurance company.

Consent

Once you have read this contract, sign in the space below. If you prefer, you may bring the contract with you to the workshop to ask questions and then sign the contract.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understood this contract. I agree to participate in the workshop.

I understand that I am free to withdraw from the workshop at any time; however, there will be no tuition refund should I choose to withdraw.

Signature

Date

Printed Parent Name