

CONCILIATION SERVICES

What is Conciliation Services?

Conciliation Services is a term used to describe a process in which family members, their attorneys and service providers become involved in making a plan to ensure protection and safety of the children brought into the Family Court.

Conciliation Services are strength-based, family centered, child focused, and culturally responsive. The process is based on the belief that the best care and protection for children can be achieved when the positive forces and strengths of the families align with community and agency support systems.

Conciliation Services are designed to meet three primary goals:

1. Planning for the safety and protection of the children.
2. Addressing concerns of agencies and families involved.
3. Discussing options so that permanency can be achieved.

Trained facilitators from Family Court Resource Services are responsible for Conciliation Services. At the meeting the facilitator's role is to provide families the opportunity to be responsible for creating solutions to the questions of safety, care, and protection of their children. Once the family formulates a plan the facilitator invites attorneys and service providers to review the plan for feasibility. Upon agreement of all parties the plan is prepared in the form of a "Memorandum of Understanding", reviewed by the parties and their attorneys, and presented to the court for consideration.

Conciliation Services are available to you at all phases of a case. These services can be arranged by contacting Family Court Resource Services, 103 North Main Street, Independence, MO 64050. Phone 816.881.1814