

**FLAFCC Task Force on Family Court Intake  
Triage Committee Recommendations July 2020  
APPENDIX A: FAMILY COURT TRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please complete this questionnaire to self-identify concerns in your family law case so that the Court is better able to identify possible resources to help you at the earliest possible time to address your issues in an efficient and affordable manner. This questionnaire will not be used as evidence in any court proceeding and you are encouraged to be as open and honest as possible. Both parties have been requested to complete this form.

<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>UNCONTESTED</b>	<b>DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b>	<b>CONTESTED</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b>
<b>A-Current status</b> Completed Parent Education Program? Parent 1 - Date Parent 2 – Date Mediation Agreement/ Partial/Impasse Residence of children? Parent 1 Parent 2 Joint No arrangement Parenting Plan? Yes/No  Related cases: DV, Dependency, Child Support, Bankruptcy, Criminal				
<b>B-Pathway/Assignment Information</b> Uncontested/Low Conflict Dispute Resolution/Medium Conflict	Parent Education Mediation	Coparenting Facilitation Mediation Brief/Issue Focused Evaluation	Intensive Parent Education, Parenting Coordination, Social Investigation, Parenting Plan	Business Valuation/CPA, Real Estate Appraisal, Retirement Plan

<p>Contested/High Conflict Significant Financial Issues</p> <p><u>Integral Issues/Allegations</u></p> <p>Mediation impasse YES/NO</p> <p>Multiple attorneys YES/NO</p> <p>Numerous court hearings on Nonlegal matters YES/NO</p> <p>Mental health current YES/NO Past (over one year) YES/NO</p> <p>Coparents communicating with some productively YES/NO</p> <p>Coparents making joint decisions YES/NO</p> <p>Coparents have numerous current Issues YES/NO</p> <p>Timesharing agreement YES/NO</p> <p>Parent/Child estrangement or Alienation YES/NO</p> <p>Risk of child abduction YES/NO</p> <p>Substance misuse/abuse current YES/NO Past (over one year) YES/NO</p> <p>Domestic violence/IPV current YES/NO Past (over one year) YES/NO</p> <p>Child abuse current YES/NO Past (over one year) YES/NO</p> <p>Child special needs YES/NO</p> <p>Relocation YES/NO</p> <p>Extensive criminal history YES/NO</p> <p>Parent mental health concerns</p>			<p>Evaluation, Guardian ad Litem, Mental Health Assessment, Relocation Risk Assessment, Psychological Evaluation of Adult/Child, Substance Misuse/Abuse Evaluation, Supervised Parenting Time, Therapeutic Parent-Child Therapy/Visitation, Family Therapy Reunification Specialist, Domestic Violence Services</p>	<p>Valuation, Mediation, Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, Vocational Evaluation, Mediation</p>
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<p>YES/NO</p> <p>Capacity/physical disability limiting participation in court process YES/NO</p> <p>Child support agreement/order YES/NO</p> <p>Agreement on separation of assets YES/NO</p> <p>Bankruptcy in process YES/NO</p> <p>Conducting discovery YES/NO</p> <p>Family owned business cash benefits YES/NO</p> <p>Commercial real estate YES/NO</p> <p>More than one residence YES/NO</p> <p>Foreclosure actions pending YES/NO</p> <p>Retirement plan and investment accounts YES/NO</p> <p>Tax returns audited YES/NO</p> <p>Alimony in question YES/NO</p> <p>Agree on amount income utilization YES/NO</p> <p>Paternity an issue YES/NO</p> <p>DOM on FL Driver's License YES/NO</p> <p>Criminal case pending YES/NO</p> <p>Convicted of crime affecting outcome of this case YES/NO</p>				
<b>CONFLICT LEVEL</b>	<b>UNCONTESTED/LOW</b>	<b>DISPUTE RESOLUTION/MEDIUM</b>	<b>CONTESTED/HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH ASSET</b>
<b>1-Current living situation</b>	Divorcing/separating living apart	Divorcing/separating and still living together	Already divorced	

Which describes your current relationship with your spouse/partner/coparent?			Never married/never lived together	
<b>2-Legal representation/Court Intervention</b> Have you or your spouse/partner/coparent had legal representation? YES/NO If YES: How many attorneys have you had? How many attorneys has your spouse/partner/coparent had? Are you currently represented? YES/NO Is your spouse/partner/coparent currently represented? YES/NO  <u>Use of Court intervention to deal with child-related disagreements between you and your coparent</u> How many times have you used court intervention to deal with child related disagreements? If more than 1: At what stage of the legal process did you return to Court with disputes about your parenting arrangement? Pre- or post-judgment	1  1  Yes  Yes   This is the first time  Pre-judgment	2  2  No  No   2-3 times  Pre- or post-judgment	3 or more  3 or more  No  No   More than 3 times  Pre- or post-judgment	
<b>CONFLICT LEVEL</b>	<b>UNCONTESTED/LOW</b>	<b>DISPUTE RESOLUTION/MEDIUM</b>	<b>CONTESTED/HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH ASSET</b>

<p><b>3-Parental Communication</b> How would you describe your communication with your spouse/partner/coparent?</p>	<p>Communicate with spouse/partner/coparent and consider their opinion</p>	<p>Minimal communication, passive cooperation</p>	<p>Communication tends to be conflicted or in a challenging manner; with reliance on others for direction; no communication/avoidant</p>	
<p><b>4-Current Issues</b> <u>Current issues in dispute between you and your spouse/partner/coparent (check all that apply):</u> Medical, educational and religious decisions? Relocation of one parent? Timesharing and holiday schedules including arrangements for exchanging the children? Threatening or violent behavior between family members? Financial issues? Other parent and friends/family speaking negatively about you or undermining your relationship with the children? Appropriate daily care and discipline of your children? Denial of information about the children? Withholding access to the children? Degrading and undermining parent to the children? Nonadherence to child's special needs? Substance misuse/abuse treatment needed? Mental health treatment needed? Other?</p>	<p>1 check</p>	<p>2-3 checks</p>	<p>More than 3 checks</p>	

<p><b>5-Conflict resolution</b> Have you attempted to resolve your parenting disputes previously through:</p>	<p>Joint discussion? Family input?</p>	<p>Mediation? If yes, did you reach agreement? Partial agreement? Impasse? Counseling?</p>	<p>Parenting coordination? Ongoing court case management?</p>	
<p><b>6-Child/Parent Matters</b> Have you reached an agreement regarding timesharing with your children? YES/NO By mutual decision? Decision through help of a counselor? Through mediation? Judge decided? You decided yourself as you know best?</p> <p>Is timesharing taking place on a regular basis with both parents having some time with the children? YES/NO If NO, is one parent not having any contact with one or all of the children, although they are available? YES/NO Is one parent not allowing one or all of the children to have contact with the other parent? YES/NO</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	

<p>Are the children permitted to see extended family members of both of their parents? YES/NO</p> <p>Is there reason to believe that one parent may remove the children from this jurisdiction without notice or approval of the other parent? YES/NO</p> <p>Do both parents have equal access to information about the children? YES/NO</p> <p>How important is the other parent to the welfare of your child?</p> <p>Do any of the children have special needs or mental or physical challenges or disabilities? YES/NO</p>	<p>Numerous valuable things to offer as a parent</p>	<p>Some value, but some problems/limitations as a parent</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Little or nothing to offer, more problems/more deficits as a parent than value</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>7-Child Abuse/Neglect</b></p> <p>Are there concerns of about child abuse or neglect by a parent YES/NO</p> <p>If YES: Are their concerns about a parent:</p>	<p>None</p> <p>In the past only</p> <p>Prior to past 12 months at least once</p>	<p>Current allegation and currently receiving help; behavior not denied but not sure how it should impact parenting plan</p> <p>Within past 12 months once</p>	<p>Current allegation, but not receiving help; minimizes behavior; child abuse issue being denied</p> <p>Within past 12 months more than once</p>	

<p>Physically hurting the child?  Emotionally abusing the children?  Neglecting to feed, supervise, etc. the children?  Driving unsafely with the children in the car?  Hurting child's pet?  Exposing the children to dangerous/criminal behavior or ongoing sexually inappropriate behavior?  Has DCF ever been contacted with allegations against you or the other parent?  Has DCF opened a file as a result of child abuse or neglect?</p> <p><i>Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE: Statutory requirement under 39.201(1)(a): Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected, shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the department.</i></p>				
<p><b>8- Substance Misuse/Abuse</b></p>				



<p>Are there concerns about a parent: drinking too much, using illegal drugs, abusing prescription medication? YES/NO</p> <p>If YES: Have you or your spouse/partner/coparent ever been in treatment for substance misuse/abuse?</p>	<p>None In the past only, no impact on current functioning Received treatment</p>	<p>Current allegation and currently receiving help; behavior not denied but not sure how it should impact parenting plan</p>	<p>Current allegation, not receiving help; minimizes behavior; issue being denied</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>9-Parent Mental Health, Capacity, Disability</b></p> <p>Are there concerns about a parent: being mentally or emotionally unstable? Depressed? Personality disorder?</p> <p>Do both parents have the capacity to make informed consent (understand benefits and risks before making a decision)? YES/NO</p> <p>Are either parent receiving financial disability aid from the government? YES/NO</p> <p>Is there anything that would limit either parent's ability to fully</p>	<p>Past only/no impact on current functioning</p>	<p>Current allegation and currently receiving help; behavior not denied but not sure how it should impact parenting plan</p>	<p>Current allegation, but not receiving help; minimizes behavior or being denied</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	

<p>participate in the court process? YES/NO If YES, what?</p>				
<p><b>10-Domestic Violence</b> Are you frightened of your spouse/partner/coparent? YES/NO</p> <p>Has there been previous or is there current domestic violence between you and your spouse/partner/coparent? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes (check all that apply):</p> <p>a. Has there been any physical abuse or acts of physical anger between you and your spouse/partner/coparent, or toward the children?</p> <p>b. Has there been any emotional abuse between you and your</p>	<p>Not at all</p> <p>Past only/no arrests/no underlying fear or impact on current functioning</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Somewhat; do not feel comfortable in same room without someone else present</p> <p>Current allegation or arrest or past incident(s) and continued concerns about interactions; behavior not denied, receiving or received help, not sure how it should impact parenting plan</p> <p>Prior to past 12 months</p> <p>Prior to past 12 months</p>	<p>Very much; do not feel safe within vision</p> <p>Current allegation or DV arrest; minimizes or denies behavior, no treatment</p> <p>Within past 12 months</p> <p>Within past 12 months</p>	

<p>spouse/partner/coparent, or toward the children?</p> <p>c. Anything else related to violence or danger in the home?</p> <p>If any question above is positive, follow with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Threats to hurt or punish?</li> <li>2. Push, grab, shove, bully?</li> <li>3. Slap, hit, kick, bite?</li> <li>4. Choke, beat up?</li> <li>5. Isolate, stalk, control?</li> <li>6. Withhold finances?</li> <li>7. Threaten to use weapon?</li> <li>8. Sexual abuse or rape?</li> <li>9. Hurt pet?</li> </ol> <p>a) Have police been called because of allegations of violence or abuse by you or your spouse/partner/coparent? Yes/No</p> <p>b) Have Criminal charges been filed against you or your spouse/partner/coparent? Yes/No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Prior to past 12 months</p> <p>Prior to past 12 months</p>	<p>Within past 12 months</p> <p>Within past 12 months</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
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<p>c) Has their every been a restraining order or domestic violence injunction against you or your spouse/partner/coparent entered by court in Florida or other state? Yes/No If yes, do you have the case number and a copy of the order?</p> <p>d) Has there ever been a violation of the protective order? Yes/No</p> <p>e) Have you ever received medical treatment for injuries intentionally caused by the other parent? Yes/No</p>			Yes  Yes  Yes	
<p><b>11-Financially Related</b> Have you reached an agreement regarding child support for your children? YES/NO</p> <p>Are there any Court or Administrative Orders (anywhere in Florida or other state) regarding the minor children or establishing child support for the minor children? YES/NO</p>		No  No		

<p>Have you or your spouse/partner/coparent acquired assets (including tangible items as well as accounts) during the marriage? YES/NO</p> <p>If YES: Have you reached an agreement regarding the separation of your assets and debts? YES/NO</p> <p>Are your agreements in writing, signed by both parties, notarized? YES/NO</p>		Yes		
		No	No	
		No	No	
<p>Have you or your spouse/partner/coparent incurred debts, which are still in existence, during the marriage? YES/NO</p> <p>If YES: Are you or your spouse/partner/coparent involved in a pending bankruptcy case?</p> <p>If yes, was the petition filed jointly?</p>		Yes	Yes	
		No	Yes	
<p>Do you believe the other party completely and accurately filled out the financial affidavit? YES/NO</p> <p>If NO: Do you intend to conduct discovery (by requesting documents or asking questions)? See Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 1.340 and 1.350. YES/NO</p>			Yes	
			No	

<p>Are you or your spouse/partner/coparent involved in a pending bankruptcy case? YES/NO</p> <p>If yes, was the petition filed jointly?</p>			<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>12-Significant Financial Issues</b></p> <p>Do you or your spouse/partner/coparent:</p> <p>Own or have a legal interest in a family owned business or closely held corporation? YES/NO</p> <p>If yes, did you or your spouse contribute services (to the family or closely held corporation) for which you received compensation (were paid)? YES/NO</p> <p>If yes, have you or your spouse been paid cash or other benefits for any work you or your spouse did for the business? YES/NO</p> <p>Own commercial (business) real estate? YES/NO</p> <p>Own more than 1 residence (home) real estate? Are there any</p>				<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

<p>foreclosure actions pending on any real estate? YES/NO</p> <p>Have or participate in a retirement plan [Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.]? YES/NO</p> <p>Have investment accounts? YES/NO</p> <p>Ever had your tax returns audited by the IRS? YES/NO</p> <p>Seeking alimony for support and maintenance? YES/NO If yes, do you agree on the amount and duration? YES/NO</p> <p>Are you/your spouse/partner/co-parent: self-employed? YES/NO unemployed? YES/NO under-employed? YES/NO If yes, do you agree on an amount of income to be utilized for you/your spouse/partner/co-parent? YES/NO</p>				<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes Yes No</p>
<p><b>13-Paternity</b> Is paternity an issue? YES/NO If Paternity, is there a father named on the birth certificate? YES/NO</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

<p>If yes, is it the party named in the Petition? YES/NO</p> <p>If Paternity, were you married at the time of child's conception or birth? YES/NO</p> <p>If yes, are you still married? YES/NO</p>		<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>14. For DOM,</b> what is the date of issuance on your Florida driver's license?</p>				
<p><b>15-Criminal Matters</b></p> <p>Are you or your spouse/partner/coparent the defendant in any pending criminal case? YES/NO</p> <p>If YES: Are you or your spouse/partner/coparent currently on probation or community control? YES/NO</p> <p>Have you or your spouse ever been convicted of a crime that causes you concern regarding coparenting, timesharing, and the ability to distribute properties and debts? YES/NO</p>			<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>Are you willing to consider a referral for assistance or services outside of the court system?</b></p> <p>If YES, 211 is a free service provided by United Way that connects residents to critical health and social services resources for help with a household bill, food assistance, or counseling for suicide prevention. 211 is open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Please check wording here and edit as needed.</p>				



*Thank you for completing this questionnaire!*