



WHAT IS PARENTING TIME?

Who is eligible for PTOC services?

- Unmarried parents who are eligible for any IV-D service (such as establishing parentage or a child support order) for at least 1 child
- Cases where both parents want to participate
- Cases where there is no identified safety concerns or family violence indication

Once established, PTOC parenting time orders can only be enforced or modified by privately filing a motion in Juvenile Court at the party's expense. While CSEA cannot assist with such motions, Juvenile Court's Citizen Services Office can help either parent with these filings.

Think safety first.

Parenting Time orders are not available or right for every case.

In some cases, establishing a parenting time order may not be safe for you or your child.

The PTOC program screens all parents for family violence risk and can connect parents to resources if there are safety concerns.

How does PTOC work?

Step 1: Parents receive a copy of Montgomery County Juvenile Court's Standard Order of Parenting Time with their hearing notice.

Step 2: Parents must complete an application before their hearing to determine eligibility.

Step 3: If both parents are eligible, they may establish a standard, "phase in", or customized parenting time order at their hearing. Onsite mediation services are available from Dayton Mediation Center to create an agreement tailored to your family's needs.

Step 4: All PTOC parenting time agreements are forwarded to Juvenile Court for adoption as a legally-binding and enforceable court order.

If parents are ineligible for PTOC or unable to reach an agreement, they may file for parenting time with Juvenile Court. The CSEA can provide information on how to pursue parenting time privately or with assistance from Juvenile Court's Citizen Services Office.

Parenting time, also known as "visitation," is the time a child spends with each parent, as agreed by the parents or ordered by a court.

The Parenting Time Opportunities for Children (PTOC) program offers unmarried parents the convenience of establishing a FREE agreed order in conjunction with any IV-D support service, such as establishment of parentage or establishment of a child support order.

PARENTING TIME IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE...

Children with 2 involved parents are:

- 4-5 times less likely to live in poverty
- 3 times less likely to fail in school
- 2 times less likely to abuse drugs
- 2 times less likely to be obese
- 2 times less likely to drop out of high school
- 2 times less likely to be abused or neglected
- 3 times less likely to commit suicide
- 7 times less likely to become a pregnant teen

Involved parents are also more likely to pay support and stay involved with their children.

CHILD SUPPORT IS NOT JUST MONEY

Financial support is critical, but child support is about more than money.

PTOC provides parents a simplified way to establish a parenting agreement without having to obtain an attorney, pay fees (\$130 minimum), or file in court.



Structured parenting time can help both parents manage their relationship while reducing conflict and confusion that can harm their children.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER A PARENTING TIME ORDER?

If you and your co-parent currently have a parenting time agreement that works for you and your child, that's great.

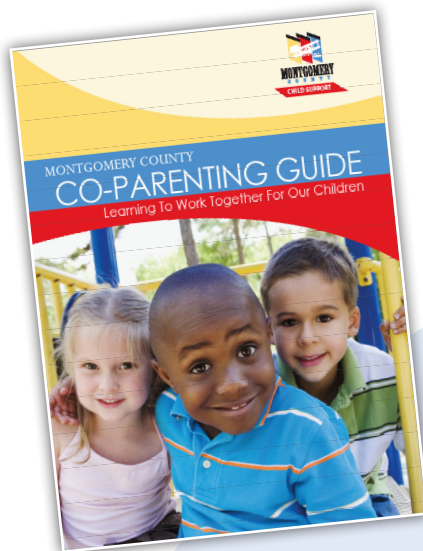
Establishing a formal parenting time order through PTOC provides parents comfort and clarity, as well as an enforceable "fall back" plan in case you ever have trouble working things out with your co-parent. PTOC is a simple process and it is FREE.

To review a copy of the PTOC Standard Order of Parenting time, select "Parenting Time Opportunities for Children" on the "Services" tab on the Montgomery County Child Support Website:

www.mcoho.org/departments/child_support_enforcement_agency or call(937) 225-4600 and request a copy be sent to you.

Program Benefits

All participants receive complimentary benefits, such as: age-appropriate *FirstBooks*, seasonal newsletters, parent education classes, a dedicated caseworker, and access to a network of services from program partners like: Help Me Grow Brighter Futures, Catholic Social Services, OhioMeansJobs, Dayton Metro Library, Artemis Center, and Dayton Mediation Center. Each PTOC participant will also receive a Co-Parenting Guide with resources and tips for successful co-parenting.



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