

FA 15-5017082

SUPERIOR COURT

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JD OF WATERBURY

v.

AT WATERBURY

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AUGUST 20, 2019

AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES

1. Father and the minor child will participate in the four day "Turning Points for Families" intensive reunification program, located in NY, facilitated by Linda Gottlieb, LMFT, LCSW-R., commencing on the next available date, as well as in aftercare as recommended by Ms. Gottlieb. The parents and the minor child will participate in a family intervention counseling with the goal of attempting to restore the relationship between the minor child and Father.
2. The parties understand and agree that the goal of this intervention program is to focus of the child's needs and best interest. These specific goals include, but are not limited to, facilitating and strengthening the minor child's ability to maintain a healthy relationship with both parents: helping her avoid being caught in the middle of her parents' conflict; strengthening her critical thinking skills and helping her maintain balanced views of each parent, easing the minor child's anxiety about her relationship with her father, readying the minor child for the resumption of the relationship with her father. Assisting the alienating parent to identify and address her behaviors that contributed to the alienation of the minor child with her father, through Turning Points for Families intensive reunification program, and/or with the individual therapist assisting the alienated parent in accepting and engaging her behaviors that led to the alienation, and that will support and encourage re-establishment of the father-daughter relationship.
3. Neither parent will discuss or allow anyone else to discuss the intervention therapy at all with the minor child prior to a joint conversation between the parties and Ms. Gottlieb regarding how participation in the program will be described to the child. Said conversation will happen within one week of this judgment, subject only to Ms. Gottlieb's availability.
4. Both parents will express unreserved support for the program with and around the child.
5. The parties will foster respect for the other parent and not disparage the other parent in the child's presence and/or within earshot of the minor child. The parents

will also not condone third parties in disparaging the other parent in the presence and/or within earshot of the minor child.

6. Father will be solely responsible for the cost of the program.
7. Father will have temporary legal and physical custody of the minor child.
8. Prior to the child's attendance in the intensive four-day program, Mother will write a letter to the child indicating her support for the program and for a normalized relationship between Father and the minor child, and expressing optimism that each member of the family will be able to move forward from the divorce and lead a happy, productive life.
9. Upon return of Father and the minor child from the intensive four-day program, a period of no-contact between Mother and child lasting 90 days shall commence. Contact will be understood to mean in person, electronic, or other contact not specifically requested by the reunification program, including incidental contact such as appearing at the child's school or extracurricular activities.
10. Each parent will have in place their own therapists, and they will sign releases authorizing collaboration of their respective therapists with Ms. Gottlieb. The parties will seek the assistance of Nicole Silva, staff social worker at the Children's Law Center and/or Ms. Gottlieb in finding a therapist who is well versed with alienation cases.
11. The minor child will have her own individual therapist in place to resume counseling after the four day program. The parties will seek the assistance of Nicole Silva, staff social worker at the Children's Law Center and/or Ms. Gottlieb in finding a therapist who is well versed with alienation cases. The child can also contact Ms. Gottlieb at any time as a resource for aftercare for up to two years.
12. Further, the parties will participate in co-parenting counseling. The parties will seek the assistance of Nicole Silva, staff social worker at the Children's Law Center and/or Ms. Gottlieb in finding a therapist who is well versed with alienation cases.
13. Father will work on obtaining a residence within close proximity to the child's current school and will ensure that the minor child attends school regularly during the 90 days she will be placed with him.
14. The GAL will conduct a home visit at Father's new residence to ensure it is appropriate prior to the 90 day placement with Father.

15. It is anticipated that following the intervention, a follow up stipulation may be necessary for additional orders including, but not limited to, additional treatment recommendations, parenting access, etc. The parents agree that a signed stipulation to that effect may be submitted to the court without appearance. Should there be a disagreement as to the future orders, the GAL may file a request for a status conference.

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Attorney Artula Lubonja, *Guardian ad Litem*

ORDER

So ordered.

BY THE COURT,



Judge/ Assistant Clerk

8/20/19
Date