

CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME PROVISIONS
THE JACKSON COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT
WILL AND DOES NOT ENFORCE

ENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS

Following are the custody and/or parenting time issues the Friend of the Court **WILL** enforce.

1. Alleged violations of court ordered parenting time schedules (i.e., including "reasonable" parenting time)
2. Alleged violations of court ordered telephone contact schedules
3. Alleged violations of court ordered non-routine transportation schedules (i.e., routine requires non-custodial parent to pickup and return children)
4. Alleged violations of court orders that prohibit drinking, smoking, and/or drug usage.
5. Any court ordered provision that specifically states that the Friend of the Court must enforce the provision, even if it relates to an unusual issue or an issue listed below

NON-ENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS

Following are the custody and/or parenting time issues the Friend of the Court does **NOT** enforce.

While the Friend of the Court does not enforce these issues, either party has the right to file a motion with the Court, if they wish to have the Court address these issues. Motions can be filed through an attorney or in pro per (party files motion on his or her own). If a party wants to file an in pro per motion, forms are available at the Friend of the Court office.

1. Abuse and/or neglect [NOTE: Call Children's Protection Services at 517-780-7600 to report.]
2. Complaint alleging parenting time denial for incident that occurred 56 or more days ago
3. Complaint where non-custodial parent did not make physical attempt to pickup children
4. Drinking, smoking, or drug usage, but no court order exists that establishes past history and prohibits future usage [NOTE: If a party believes the behavior constitutes abuse and/or neglect, they must call Children's Protection Services at 517-780-7600.]
5. Horror films and/or R-rated movies
6. Order with no parenting time schedule [NOTE: See "mediation" section below.]
7. Order with flexible/non-specific parenting time schedule [NOTE: See "mediation" section below.]
8. Parental kidnappings [NOTE: Kidnappings should be reported to police.]
9. Personal Protection Order violations
10. PT Guideline violations (i.e., NCP cut child's hair, clothing or medication not provided or returned, frequent arguing at parenting time exchanges, problems with new girlfriends, boyfriends, or spouses, etc.)
11. Telephone contact denial, but no order exists allowing telephone contacts
12. Transportation costs

MEDIATION

The Friend of the Court offers mediation services to help parents resolve custody and parenting time disputes. These are the only two issues the Friend of the Court can mediate. A signed request from both parties is required to do this. Mediation is voluntary. Both parties must be willing to participate. If the parties reach an agreement, the mediator can put it into writing. The parties can review the agreement with their attorneys. The agreement can be made a part of the court order.

Matters discussed during mediation are confidential. The person who acts, as a mediator, may not share information about what happened during mediation, except for what is stated in the parties signed agreement. The mediator cannot later, in the same case, enforce an order, investigate an allegation, or serve as Referee on any other issues in that case.