

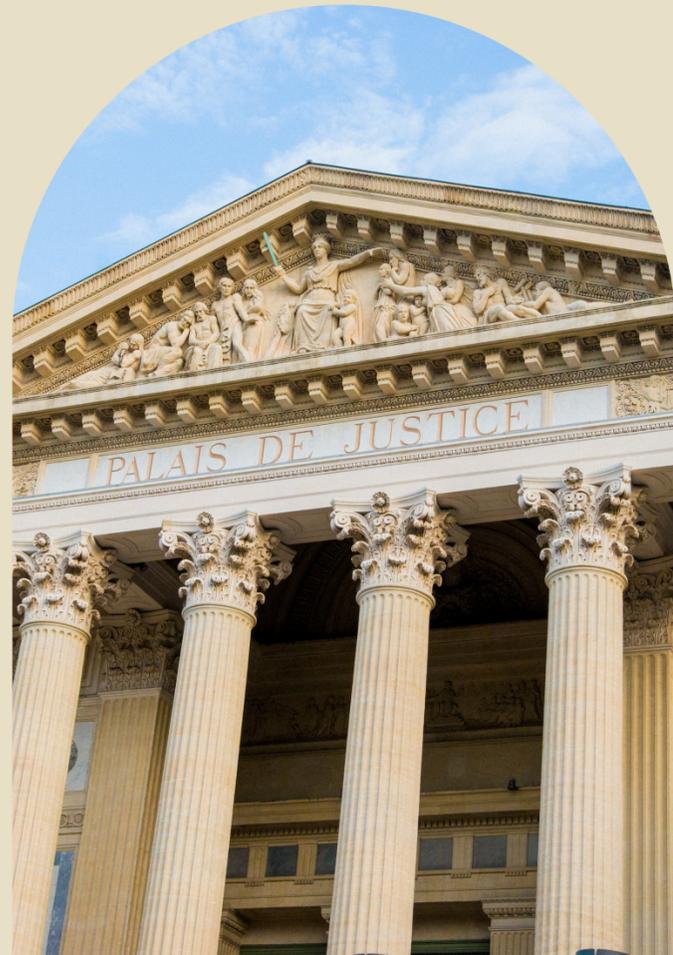
# Child's Best Interest

Coparenting Principle 1





What does "best interest of the child" mean?



Family court Judges can and do interpret this standard differently.

Weighing all the factors as they relate to an individual child can be an *extremely complicated task* for family law professionals.

Those factors may  
change greatly  
during the lifecycle of  
a divorce or custody  
modification





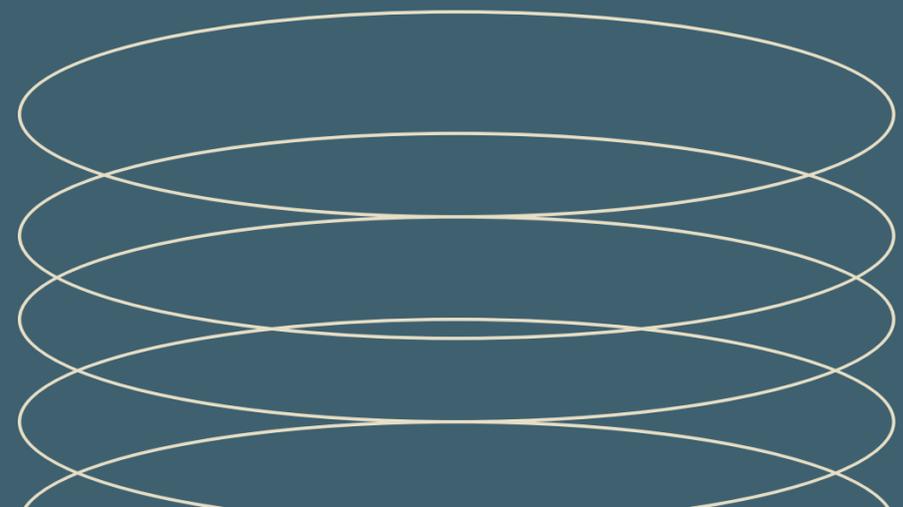
Ongoing conflict is **more**  
harmful for children than  
the parents' separation itself.



The decision  
that seems  
best for one  
child

may not be the best  
for another child in  
the same family.

We believe a decision or action is in a child's "best interest" if it makes the child safer, more able to love and be loved, and more able to develop to the best of their potential.





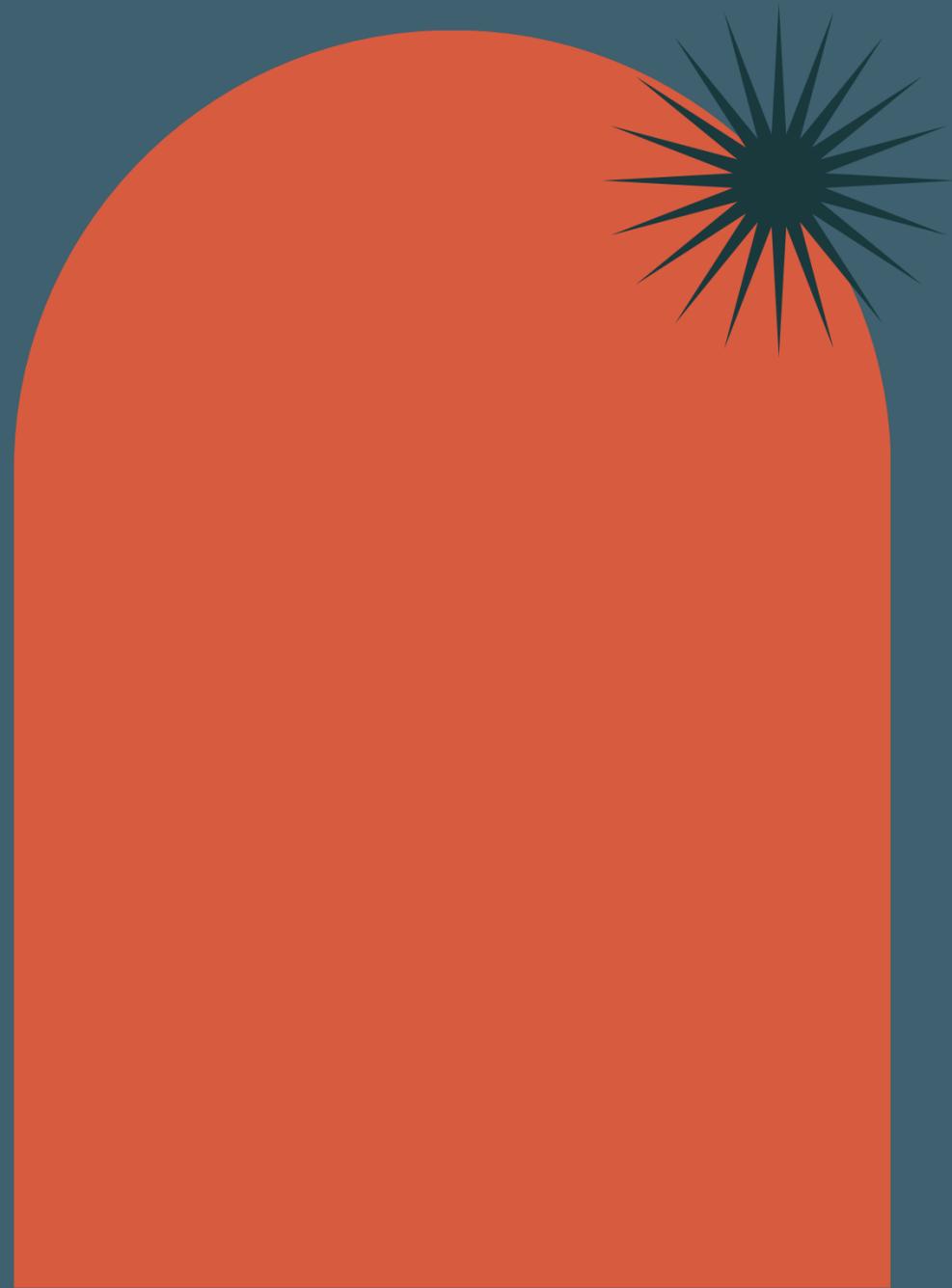
Your child should experience physical, emotional  
and psychological safety.



Your child  
should feel  
free to  
accept and  
show love to  
both  
parents

without worrying that  
they will damage their  
relationship with the  
other parent.

Your child should be raised in an environment with as little conflict as possible, *with sufficient resources*, and with proper boundaries



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