

Cooperation, Trust, and Empathy

Coparenting Principles: Lesson 6



Easier said than done!



When trust and communication have broken down,

they are had to rebuild.

Why should you cooperate with your Coparent?

IT'S A WAY TO DEAL WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND POWER IMBALANCES.

Parental conflict is worse for children than the separation itself.

COPERATION reduces transaction costs.

Nothing we do is free -- especially with Coparenting.

Example:
Emma loves soccer and her parents
cooperate well!





What if Emma's parents do not cooperate?

Soccer games aren't nearly as much fun for everyone!



Emma's parents are more focused on their arguments than on her.

WHICH SCENARIO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



Your lack of cooperation...

is an extra tax on your life.

if your Coparent won't?

So when other decision makers get involved,

you've earned goodwill in their eyes.



Successful cooperation is part attitude and part action.

Leave the past INTHEPAST!

Focus on your child's current needs and opportunities.



is a unique and valuable person in the child's life.

Start small to rebuild trust.

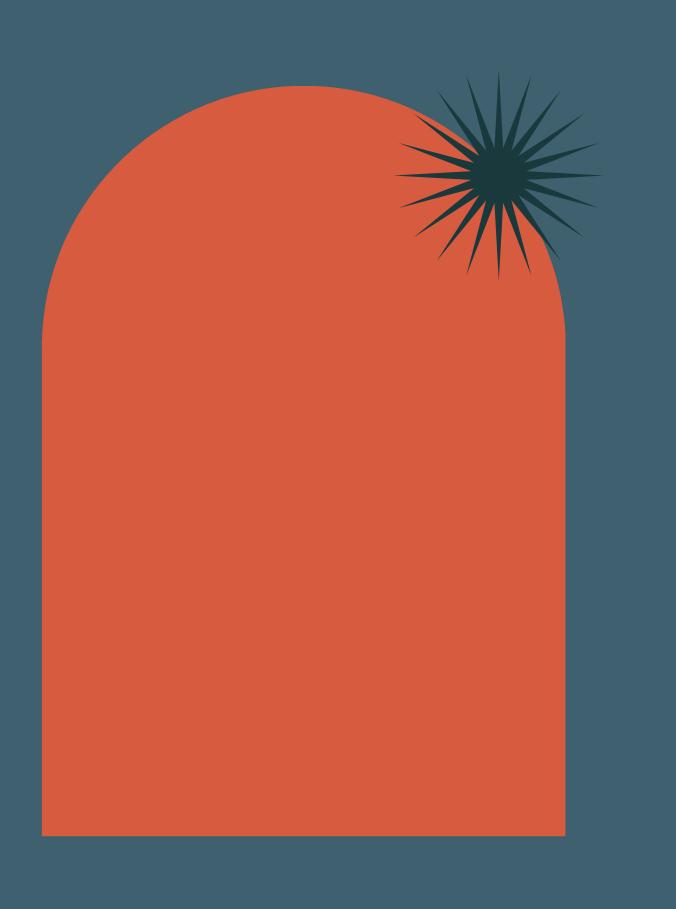
Help your Coparent be more transparent by incentivizing their honesty.

Offer ideas,

not judgment or commands.

TRY TO SEE A SITUATION FROM YOUR COPARENT'S PERSPECTIVE.

THE PAYOFF is less conflict and drama for you and your children.





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