



Cuyahoga County  
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Office of Child Support Services

# Parenting Time Order

When you establish a child support order, the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) can provide a parenting time order (also known as visitation) without going to court. The agency will file the order at **no cost** along with the new child support order.

## Option 1 – Standard Parenting Time Order

This is the most common order. It allows you and the other parent to follow a schedule that you create together. If that schedule no longer works, this Standard Order becomes the back-up plan.

### Standard Order Highlights:

- Flexible schedule as long as both parents agree
- One weeknight – usually Thursday from after school (or 6 pm) to 8 pm
- Every other weekend – from Friday after school (or 6 pm) to Sunday at 8 pm
- Holidays and school breaks are divided between each parent
- Extended parenting time in the summer

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## Option 2 – Transitional Parenting Time Order

This order works for parents when the child is very young or has not spent a lot of time with the noncustodial parent, and time is needed to build a relationship. Like the Standard Order, this option allows you to follow a schedule that you create together. If that schedule no longer works, this Transitional Order becomes the back-up plan.

### Transitional Order Highlights:

- Flexible schedule as long as both parents agree
- One day every week beginning with 3 hours, to take place at an agreed upon location, then increasing to 6 hours over a minimum period of 2 months.
- Transitions to Standard Order after 2 months of consistent contact and if the child is over the age or 3. (Continues Transitional Order until the child is 3 years old.)

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## Option 3 – Opt out of parenting time order services/ no order requested

Some parents do not want or need a formal court order for parenting time. Let us know if this is the case for you.