

PRIORITY CONSULTATION (PC)

8th Judicial District Court

Service Overview

The 8th Judicial District Court has contracted with the 1st Judicial District Court to provide services not currently available in our district.

A Priority Consultation (PC) is ordered when:

- ✚ The parties are unable to reach agreement regarding their children in Mediation, or
- ✚ The Court determines that Mediation is not appropriate.

The Role of the Priority Consultant

Interviews each parent individually

Provides written recommendations to the parties, their attorneys, and the Court

Confidentiality & Support Services

PCs are confidential to third parties outside of the Court

Recommendations may include:

- ✚ Co-parenting classes
- ✚ Therapy for parents and/or children
- ✚ Substance abuse counseling and/or testing
- ✚ Supervised visitation or exchanges

The Priority Consultant may communicate with referred service providers, with signed releases from the parties

Objections & Court Review

Each party has 11 days to file objections

If an objection is filed:

- ✚ A hearing may be scheduled
- ✚ The Court will determine whether to adopt, modify, or reject the recommendations

If no objections are filed, the recommendations are adopted as a Court order

Appointments & Fees

- Scheduling: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Session Duration: 3.5 hours
- Fees: Sliding scale based on each party's income
- Payment: All fees must be paid to the 1st Judicial District Court

Contact

For general information or questions regarding upcoming appointments with a Court Clinician and for information on fees associated with your appointment, you may contact one of the administrative assistants at the numbers listed below or send an e-mail to sfedfcsproposedtxt@nmcourts.gov

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