



## **THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PARENT COORDINATOR REQUIREMENTS**

**In order to be considered for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuits Approved Parent Coordinator List, you must meet the following requirements:**

1. Be licensed as a mental health professional pursuant to chapters 490 or 491, Florida Statutes  
**OR**  
Be licensed as a physician pursuant to chapter 458, Florida Statutes, with certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology  
**OR**  
Be certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a family law mediator with at least a master's degree in a mental health field.  
**OR**  
Be an attorney who is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar

### **And complete ALL of the following**

2. Three years of post licensure or post certification practice
3. Completion of a Florida Supreme Court certified family mediation training program
4. A minimum of 24 hours of parenting coordination training in parenting coordination concepts and ethics, family systems theory and application, family dynamics in separation, divorce, child and adolescent development, the parenting coordination process, parenting coordination techniques and family law and procedure, and a minimum of 4 hours of training in domestic violence and child abuse which is related to parenting coordination.
5. A qualified parenting coordinator must be in good standing, or in clear and active status, with his or her respective licensing authority, certification board, or both, as applicable.

**\*\*\*The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit SHALL NOT appoint a person to serve as a parenting coordinator who, in any jurisdiction:**

1. Has been convicted or had adjudication withheld on a charge of child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence, parental kidnapping or interference with custody;
2. has admitted to having or has been found by a court in a child protection hearing to have, abused, neglected, or abandoned a child;
3. Has consented to an adjudication or a withhold of adjudication of a petition for dependency; or
4. Is or has been a respondent in a final order of protection against domestic violence.