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**Request for Separate Session Information Sheet**

Although most parents request to participate in a joint mediation session because this will allow them the opportunity to hear and immediately respond to the concerns presented by the other parent, in cases involving domestic violence and/or Restraining Orders please consider the following:

**You are able to bring a Support Person to your counseling session.**

Your Support Person may be present with you during the session to provide you with emotional support, but may not participate in the child custody recommending counseling session.

**Absolutely no violence or aggressive dialogue will be tolerated during the session.**

**The counselor has the authority to excuse any parent that is unable to act appropriately during the session at any time.**

**County Sheriffs are available at all times and will immediately address any concerns or inappropriate behavior.**

Per Family Code 3183(b) and Rule of the Court 5.215(d)(6), in cases where there are ***sworn allegations of domestic violence***, the parties may each meet separately with the child custody recommending counselor.

Either you or the other party make allegations of domestic violence in *writing* and *swear under penalty of perjury* that the allegations are true.

The attached Request for Separate Counseling Sessions form is **signed under the penalty of perjury**