

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

Chatsworth Courthouse

9425 Penfield Avenue, Room 3700
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Compton Courthouse

200 W. Compton Blvd. Room 1003
Compton, CA 90220

Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse

275 Magnolia Avenue, Room 3001
Long Beach, CA 90802

Michael D. Antonovich

Antelope Valley Courthouse

42011 4th Street West, Room 3575
Lancaster, CA 93534

Pasadena Courthouse

300 East Walnut Street, Room 100
Pasadena, CA 91101

Pomona Courthouse South

400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 110
Pomona, Ca 91766

Stanley Mosk Courthouse

111 N Hill Street, Room 241
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Torrance Courthouse

825 Maple Avenue, Room 450
Torrance, CA 90503

Van Nuys Courthouse East

6230 Sylmar Avenue, Room 213
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Whittier Courthouse

7339 South Painter Avenue, Room 101
Whittier, CA 90602

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Child Interview
Oral Testimony Only



Family Court Services
(213)830-0835



Your Fee For This Interview:
\$ _____

Date: _____

A Child Interview is ordered when the Court has concerns related to, or would like information from, the minor child(ren).

The Court will order a Family Court Services (FCS) Specialist to interview the minor child(ren) about topics outlined by the Court and summarize for the Court via oral testimony the child(ren)'s statements for the Court.

The FCS Specialist will provide information about the child(ren) but will not provide any recommendations. The FCS Specialist will not interview parents or anyone else as part of this process.

The FCS Specialist will interview children aged 8 or older via videoconference using WebEx. If video-conferencing is not available, interviews will be held telephonically.

Please download the WebEx app to your electronic device (computer, phone or tablet) in preparation for the video conference.

Please ensure the child(ren)'s privacy during the interview.

The hearing will be scheduled at 11 am. The FCS Specialist will testify, presenting a summary of the minor's statements and is subject to cross-examination.

What Should You Tell The Minor(s) About The Interview?

Remind your child(ren) to be honest during their interview. Inform your child(ren) that they will likely be asked many questions about their daily activities but will not be asked to choose between their parents.

The FCS Specialist will provide an age-appropriate description of the process to the child(ren) and explain the limits of confidentiality.

If the FCS Specialist learns of a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or learns that an individual may harm themselves or others they have a legal and ethical duty to report this information.

What You Can Expect:

Fees

Unless specifically waived by the Court, the fee for this service must be paid to the Family Law Clerk's office of any courthouse where there is a Family Court Services Office.

Payment must be received within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date the order for the Child Interview is made or on the date of the Child Interview, whichever comes first. If the fee is not received by this date, the Child Interview will be canceled. If your case settles after payment is made, you must notify the FCS Office prior to the date of the interview to receive a full refund. Otherwise, a \$53 administrative fee will be assessed.

The appointment is only for the minor child(ren); parents will not be interviewed.