

Sample Order

After hearing and review of the recommendations of the Court Appointed Child Custody evaluator [and/ or Parenting Coordinator or Stipulation of the parties or at the request of Petitioner/Respondent] the consideration of the Court's knowledge of the case file and family dynamics this court finds that because the child(ren) is/are resisting or refusing contact with a parent, a family systems approach is needed in this matter. Therefore this Court orders as follows:

1. The parties shall enroll in Overcoming Barriers (hereinafter OCB) Family Camp (hereinafter "Camp") from, July 9 until July 14, 2018, located at 473 Tatro Road, Starksboro, Vermont 05487. The parents shall contact OCB at overcomingbarriers@gmail.com or (917)407-1166 within five (5) days of this order and shall participate in the application and intake process. The parties shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that all family or household members deemed necessary by OCB, specifically including but not limited to new spouses, grandparents, and any other person, participate in the intake process and attend camp, including the children,
_____ (hereinafter "Camp Participants")
2. The goals of the Camp are to begin the restoration of the coparenting and child-parent relationships, and to reduce conflict.
3. In order to effectuate a successful application and intake process, both parties and any Camp Participants shall fully comply with the application and intake process as directed by OCB, including but not limited to signing releases of information to permit OCB to communicate with and to obtain information from any medical, mental health, educational or other third-party professionals who are treating, working with or have treated or worked with either party or any of the children. OCB shall be provided with a copy of the most recent custody evaluation report (which shall be destroyed by OCB upon completion of the Family's involvement with OCB.) Third party professionals who have privileged information regarding the parties and/or the children shall be authorized to speak with, and share such information with, OCB. Any such information shall remain privileged and may not be disclosed by OCB except to this court if it is necessary to explain the actions or recommendations of OCB or as may be authorized by further order of this Court. Releases of information shall be signed by adults, represented child(ren), and/or a third party professionals appointed to waive or claim a therapeutic privilege on behalf of a child. [The Court herein appoints _____, as a special guardian/GAL/attorney for child to waive or claim a child's privilege.]

4. The parties shall fully comply with the enrollment process as directed by OCB once the family is accepted for participation in the program. The parties shall share equally [or other percentage as agreed or allocated by Court order] the cost of the application (\$250.00 per family), intake process (\$1,750.00 per family), camp program fees (\$ 19,000.00 for a family of 4 or less; \$1,000 each additional family member over 4), and all other reasonable and necessary costs, including but not limited to travel costs, associated with participating in the program. All OCB fees are nonrefundable and must be paid in full in accordance with the schedule set by OCB.
5. Camp is an intensive intervention that can promote rapid change but follow-up to the camp intervention by a behavioral health professional is necessary. Therefore, within twenty one (21) days of this order, the parties shall identify and agree upon a mental health expert who has expertise in family reunification with whom the family will meet prior to camp and will work with the family post camp (hereinafter "aftercare professional".) If they cannot agree, each party shall submit the names of three (3) professionals to this court from whom the Court will select the aftercare professional with whom the family will work. The parties shall have an appointment scheduled with their aftercare professional within seven (7) days after camp ends. The appointment shall not be postponed or cancelled by either party without the joint consent of both parties and/or prior order of court.
6. The parties shall fully participate in all aspects of Family Camp, including but not limited to pre-camp, pre-camp intervention requirements, camp activities, camp processes and procedures, and development of after-care plans. Parties will use best efforts to ensure that all Camp Participants engage in OCB and Family Camp activities as directed by OCB.
7. The aftercare plan and any other documentation provided to the parties by OCB staff shall be forwarded by OCB to the Court, the identified aftercare professionals, and the lawyers for the parties.
8. The parties shall sign any and all releases of information necessary so that information can be communicated between OCB and third party professionals and aftercare professionals who work with or provide aftercare services to the family.
9. It has been determined that none of the members of the OCB is a psychotherapist or counselor for either party, any of the children, any Camp Participant or the family or that, if any member of OCB has had a confidential relationship with either party, any of the children, any Camp Participant or the family, such person(s) has/have agreed to waive any conflict or potential

conflict. None of the OCB communications with the parties or the children is privileged or confidential.

10. All Camp Participants shall arrive and leave at times and dates designated by OCB.
11. The children shall leave camp directly with the parent who, prior to attending Camp, was the rejected parent and shall remain in that parent's care for no less than one (1) week with no contact with the other parent, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, OCB staff recommends otherwise or prior court order.
12. This matter shall be reviewed by the Court on _____.
(It is important to provide a follow up court date within two (2) weeks of the end of camp) and (every three or six months) at a status conference.

So Ordered.

DATE

JUDGE

This is a sample meant to list essential elements for the court to include when ordering a family to attend the Overcoming Barriers Family Camp. Orders will be unique according to the particular dynamics of each family. Please contact us if there are remaining questions about what to include in an order.