

Suggested court order language for BestInterest

For coparenting communication, coordination, conflict reduction, and records

Help families handle more routine coparenting issues between court appearances. This modular language can reduce escalation, support parenting-plan follow-through, and preserve organized records when professional or court review is needed.

DEDICATED ADULT CHANNEL	ACTIVE CONFLICT REDUCTION	PARENTING-PLAN FOLLOW-THROUGH	ORGANIZED RECORDS
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HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

Select the clauses that fit the matter

Select the clauses that fit the matter, complete the bracketed fields, and decide whether BestInterest will be the primary or exclusive channel for routine communication. The downloadable PDF is formatted for easy review, adaptation, and attachment to a stipulation or order.

- 1 Choose Collaborative Mode when both parents will participate, or use the one-parent alternative for Solo Mode and Boundary Line.
- 2 Choose either primary-channel or exclusive-channel language, then set a reasonable response time.
- 3 Identify whether the court will require Protect or higher, Tone Guardian, or Coparent Coach, and how any subscription cost will be handled.
- 4 Adapt the selected provisions to the parenting plan, accessibility needs, and local procedures in the matter.

MATTER INFORMATION

COURT OR JURISDICTION	CASE NUMBER
PARTIES	DATE

DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

CORE COMMUNICATION	Account setup, communication channel, response times, and keeping children out of adult communication
COORDINATION AND SUPPORT	Schedules, expenses, parenting-plan guidance, AI-supported communication, and records
ACCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION	One-parent participation, affordability, duration, and matter-specific selections

Current web version: <https://bestinterest.app/courts/suggested-order-language/>

This resource offers suggested language for consideration. Adapt this language to the matter, applicable law, local rules, and court procedures. It is not a substitute for judicial discretion or legal advice.

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Core communication

Select the provisions that establish participation, the routine communication channel, response expectations, and a direct adult space for coparenting matters.

Account setup and participation

Use when both parents will participate in BestInterest Collaborative Mode.

☐ **Collaborative Mode**

Within [] days of entry of this order, each parent shall create and maintain a BestInterest account and connect in Collaborative Mode. The parents shall keep their account information current, enable notifications, and use BestInterest as directed below.

Routine communication channel

Choose one option. The primary-channel clause allows agreed alternatives; the exclusive-channel clause keeps routine communication in one place.

☐ **Primary channel**

BestInterest shall be the primary channel for routine, non-emergency communication and coordination concerning the child(ren).

☐ **Exclusive channel**

Except for emergencies and other circumstances expressly addressed in this order, the parents shall use BestInterest exclusively for routine, non-emergency communication and coordination concerning the child(ren), rather than personal text messages, email, or communication through the child(ren).

Response times and message focus

Set a clear expectation without requiring an immediate response to every message.

☐ **Response expectation**

Each parent shall review BestInterest regularly and respond to a message that reasonably requires a response within [] hours/days. Messages shall remain brief, factual, and focused on the child(ren).

Keep children out of adult communication

Establish a direct adult channel for routine coparenting matters.

☐ **Direct parent communication**

The parents shall communicate directly through BestInterest about routine coparenting matters and shall not use the child(ren) to carry messages, gather information, or manage adult disagreements.

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Coordination and conflict reduction

Add the tools that help parents manage schedules, expenses, parenting-plan expectations, difficult communication, and records between court appearances.

Calendar and schedules

Create a shared source for important dates, exchanges, and changes.

☐ **Shared calendar**

The parents shall use the BestInterest calendar to record parenting time, school events, medical appointments, activities, exchanges, and other material child-related events. A parent who creates or learns of a change shall update the calendar within [] hours/days.

Child-related expenses

Keep requests, documentation, responses, and payments together.

☐ **Expense tracking**

The parents shall use BestInterest's expense tools to submit child-related expenses, attach available documentation, record payments, and respond to a reimbursement request within [] days. Receipt attachments require a Connect plan or higher. Each parent shall maintain access to that plan and be responsible for [their own subscription cost / allocation:].

Parenting-plan support

Help parents turn the operative order into day-to-day action.

☐ **AI-assisted parenting-plan reference**

Each parent shall maintain a BestInterest Protect plan or higher and upload the current parenting plan or operative order for AI-assisted reference and day-to-day guidance. BestInterest may help the parents understand schedules, responsibilities, and communication expectations; the signed order remains controlling. Subscription costs shall be [allocated:]. A qualifying parent may apply confidentially to BestInterest for a fee waiver.

AI guidance for high-conflict communication

Use in high-conflict matters when the court wants active guidance to be part of the parents' day-to-day communication.

☐ **Protect plan and Tone Guardian**

Each parent shall maintain a BestInterest Protect plan or higher and keep Tone Guardian enabled for newly written messages. Tone Guardian shall review each new draft in the sending flow before delivery and offer the parent a calmer rewrite. Each parent remains responsible for the message they choose to send. A parent who cannot afford the required plan may apply confidentially to BestInterest for a fee waiver.

☐ **Coparent Coach for disputed issues**

In a high-conflict matter, each parent shall use BestInterest's Coparent Coach before responding to communication about a disputed issue. Coparent Coach provides in-the-moment guidance to help the parent consider a calmer, more child-focused response. Each parent remains responsible for the message they choose to send.

Records and professional review

Preserve a consistent record and define how relevant information may be shared.

☐ **Organized exports**

BestInterest shall serve as the record of communication and coordination covered by this order. Each parent may export supported records they choose to share, including messages, calls, calendar events, tasks, and expenses, for attorney, mediator, parenting coordinator, evaluator, or court review as permitted or ordered. A parent shall not alter or misrepresent an exported record.

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Access and implementation

Complete the participation, affordability, and duration provisions, then record the selections made for this matter.

One-parent alternative

Use instead of Collaborative Mode when only one parent will participate.

☐ **Solo Mode and Boundary Line**
If only [parent name] participates, that parent shall create and maintain a BestInterest account in Solo Mode to organize coparenting records, receive communication support, and manage routine coparenting matters. If Boundary Line is selected and available under the chosen plan, the non-participating parent may continue communicating by text or phone through the dedicated number provided.

Subscription cost and fee waivers

Identify who will pay if the order requires features beyond the Free plan.

☐ **Cost allocation**
Each parent shall be responsible for [their own subscription cost / allocation: ____]. A Free plan is available for core features. If this order requires paid features, qualifying parents may apply confidentially to BestInterest for fee-waiver access, subject to program eligibility and availability.

Duration

State how long the selected BestInterest provisions remain in effect.

☐ **Term of use**
These BestInterest provisions shall remain in effect until [date / further order of the court / other: ____].

MATTER-SPECIFIC SELECTIONS

MODE	☐ Collaborative	☐ Solo
CHANNEL	☐ Primary	☐ Exclusive
RESPONSE TIME	_____	
PLAN OR FEATURES	_____	
COST ALLOCATION	_____	
DURATION	_____	

JUDICIAL OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED SIGNER	DATE
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