

***COURT POLICY RE: PARENTING PLANS
IN DV/AH CASES***

In any case under a Domestic Violence (DV) Petition for Order of Protection that involves children of the parties to the action, the court's principal policy is that they will only address visitation or other parenting concerns on a temporary basis. That is because the principal object of these actions is to provide protection to the petitioner(s) and also because parenting issues deserve a more comprehensive examination before a long-term decision is made regarding the parties' schedule with the children.

As a result of this policy, the court will not enter a parenting plan or residential schedule in a DV action. If the Respondent has appeared and is requesting a schedule of contact with their children, that request will be considered.

The court will not order any residential time or visitation under an Anti-Harassment Petition under any circumstances.