

1-124. Child custody; parenting plans; binding arbitration.

A. **Parenting plan required.** If a domestic relations proceeding involves custody or visitation of minor children, the parties shall attempt to agree upon and file a joint parenting plan pursuant to Section 40-4-9.1 NMSA 1978 within sixty (60) days of the filing of the petition for dissolution.

B. **Binding arbitration.** If the parties have not filed a parenting plan, the parties may agree to submit issues involving custody or visitation to binding arbitration pursuant to Section 40-4-7.2 NMSA 1978.

C. **Mediation.** If the parties have not agreed to a parenting plan or to binding arbitration pursuant to Paragraphs A or B of this rule, the court may refer the matter to family counseling or mediation prior to holding a hearing on child custody or visitation.

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