

The Delicate Balance of Coordinating

Balance	A biological father who does not want the child's biological mother (incarcerated for drug possession) to take part in the meeting	With	The wishes of a biological mother to attend the meeting so she might have a say in the planning efforts
Balance	A parent who is in direct conflict with his/her family	With	The need to Widen the Circle
Balance	A biological mother who does not want a biological father involved because of domestic violence	With	The right of the biological father to be involved in plans made for his child
Balance	The aspiration for open communication among family members	With	The concern of some individuals that sharing of information may cause conflict
Balance	The recognition that one needs to keep his/her emotions/beliefs/values in check and remain neutral while coordinating the meeting	With	Human nature and natural responses to very sensitive discussions
Balance	A child who has formed a close relationship with his/her foster family, after living with them for several years, wishing only to invite the foster parents and their family	With	Inviting biological family members with whom the child never had contact and does not wish to see
Balance	The family wanting only certain individuals at the meeting	With	The referral source wanting other individuals involved and/or wishing to exclude certain individuals
Balance	The family's ability to meet only on the weekend	With	The referral source's desire to meet only during normal business hours
Balance	Supporting the family and the referral source	With	The need to remain neutral