

## The Delicate Balance of Coordinating

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