



EFFECTS OF IPV ON....

Autonomy



Freedom from undue pressure, duress, threats, manipulation, and/or intimidation

How comfortable are you saying what you think, raising difficult topics, disagreeing with the other person, and standing up for what matters to you?

Good faith/fair dealing



Adherence to ground rules, respect for others' needs and interests, full disclosure of relevant information, willingness and ability to explore options and share decision making, commitment to honor agreements

How confident are you that both of you will: (1) follow the rules; (2) share important information; (3) hear each other out; (4) cooperate; (5) stand by promises and agreements; and (6) not undermine the process?

Judgment



Parenting capacity and judgment, commitment to shared decision-making, willingness & ability to attend to children's needs

How well can you rely on the other person to make good decisions when it comes to the children, prioritize the children's needs, and share parental responsibility?

Information



Understanding of rights, issues, and options; access to technology and relevant information; knowledge of personal & community resources

How well do you understand this process, your legal rights and options, technology, and the things you need to know to fully and effectively participate?

Safety/Risk Assessment



- Stalking
- Sexual assault
- Abuse during pregnancy
- Threats to kill
- Strangulation
- Controlling behaviors
- Access to weapons
- Increased frequency/severity
- Child abuse
- Animal abuse
- Excessive jealousy/obsession
- Abuser's mental status
- Denial of responsibility for IPV

Is there anything about this process that makes you concerned for your own safety or for the safety of your children? If so, please say more.

PROCEDURAL RESPONSES

- Expert co-mediator
- Legal or advocacy support
- Technology support
- Best interest monitor
- Document production
- Mediation prep support
- Pre-set substantive issues
- Pre-set procedural rules
- Remote spaces/platforms
- Judicial findings or orders
- Trial period agreements
- Suspend/delay mediation
- Do not attempt mediation

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