Non-Cash Payment Alternative (In-Kind) Child Support Orders

COURT WORKFLOW

Cases identified by SF DCSS set on Pilot Project calendar (initiation or modification)

INITIAL

COURT HEARING

[*Note*: If initiation case, must enter parentage Judgment <u>first</u> before sending to Mediation]

Guideline CS identified in Court.



MEDIATION [Separate Workflow]

Collaborative Mediation with both FCS/OFLF,
Including Orientation Process



RETURN TO COURT

AGREEMENT REACHED:

Put agreement on the record and issue ORDER.

Take care to identify guideline, and specify any cash amounts to be paid, as well as services to be provided (*including value*). The ORDER must include provisions for monitoring each case and a specific provision re: reservation of jurisdiction.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED:

Set child support and issue ORDER. (Case taken out of pilot)

CASEMONITORING PROCESS (Summary): [Separate Workflow]

- Set dates in advance (in initial order) for regular monitoring
- Initially monthly (e.g. 3 months) and tapering off (e.g. quarterly, semi-annually or annually)
- Include ability for PPS and PRS to "skip" any monitoring date if both agree (must notify the agency)
- Make it simple for either parent to alert the LCSA and Court as to any problems encountered (Include instructions to submit a brief declaration at least one week before each date)
- As part of the monitoring process, provide the service and mechanism for FCS/OFLF brief focused mediation for any needed "tweaks" either before returning to court, while at court and/or after coming to court