# KENT CO. FOC NEWSLETTER



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FOC Mission: "To serve the Court and the families of Kent County to ensure children are supported, both financially and emotionally."

## **NEW! PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT AND ASSISTANCE**

The Kent County Friend of the Court receives and reviews about 2,000 parenting time complaints every year from parents alleging that the other parent is not following the parenting time court order. We are reviewing and revising our processes to make enforcing parenting time and custody complaints easier and faster for parents.

Need assistance enforcing parenting time? FOC will enforce your parenting time order if you can answer **yes** to all of the following:

- Do you have an FOC case?
- Do you have a parenting time court order?
- Does your order include specific days and times for parenting time? The FOC cannot help when parents are exercising parenting time "as agreed" or "reasonable" parenting time.
- Did the other parent deny you parenting time on a day and time specified in your order?
- Did you submit a <u>written complaint</u> to the FOC within 56 days of the missed parenting time?

To process complaints faster, we are no longer asking parents to submit supporting documentation. Parents have to **submit the written complaint only** to have their complaint processed. While we will not accept supporting documentation, we will certainly ask you for any additional information that is needed. Please be sure to submit the updated <u>complaint</u> to avoid any delays.

#### **SAVE THE DATES! FATHERHOOD SUMMIT May 17—19**

The fourth annual "Foundations of Fatherhood" summit will be a virtual event held May 17--19, 2022. The theme for 2022 is **"Wide World of Fathering,"** where speakers will address the diversity of situations and parenting issues facing fathers, as well as opportunities for agencies and organizations working with fathers to increase inclusion and equity in serving fathers. Learn more or register here.



## **70 X 7 LIFE RECOVERY**

70x7 provides support to returning citizens and families affected by incarceration. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

