

# Co-operation talks

Information from Familjerättsgruppen



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# What are co-operation talks?

Co-operation talks are an opportunity for separated parents to reach common solutions concerning contact, residence, custody and the child's maintenance. The starting point is co-operation for the children's best.

Children are entitled to a good life and it is your responsibility as parents to find solutions that are good for the child.

You must be able to act as parents to common children, in spite of the fact you do not live together.

As parents you decide what issues are to be addressed and what agreements are to be made.

## How does it work?

Co-operation talks are voluntary and free of charge. The talks last between 1 and 1.5 hours.

Sometimes more talks are needed to solve issues concerning the children.

The child also has the opportunity to receive information and to speak.

Agreements between the parents can either be verbal or in writing.



Familjerätten can also help parents who are in agreement to write a legally binding agreement - if it is in the best interests of the child. The talks are not registered and no minutes are kept. Those of us who work at Familjerätten are trained social workers and have a duty of confidentiality. Our role in the co-operation talks is to guide the talks.

### Where do you turn?

Familjerätten is reached via Norsjö municipality's switchboard telephone: 0918-140 00. We are located in the municipal centre,

Storgatan 67 in Norsjö. More information can be found on:

[www.norsjo.se/samarbetsamtal](http://www.norsjo.se/samarbetsamtal)

“The municipality shall ensure

- that parents can be offered talks (“co-operation talks”), conducted by an expert, with a view to reaching agreement in matters relating to custody, residence and contact, and
- that parents are helped to conclude agreements as referred to in Chap. 6, Sections 6 and 14a second paragraph or Section 15a third paragraph of the Children and Parents Code.”

(Chapter 5, Section 3 of the Social Services Act)



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