

## 7 Co-Parenting Apps That Help Keep You Out of Court

The Court will often order the use of a co-parenting app when parents show difficulty communicating with one another. Co-Parenting Apps are for calendaring and secure communication helping you coordinate planning and schedules and a tool to use to reduce angry conversations.

### Improve Accountability and Communicate Effectively

There are two kinds of Co-parenting software apps:

**1.) Free calendaring apps** are electronic calendars. A calendaring app is a great tool to use to communicate everything you need. This style works well for both types of co-parents; those who communicate well, and those on less-than-amicable terms with the other parent of your child.

**2.) Paid apps** are for co-parenting communication in a form that neither party can edit. Features include a shared calendar, un-editable writing, and ledger files for following shared expenses. This software platform helps co-parents track of balances owed and is priceless in proving documentation of expenses owed.

Below is a highlight of the Apps that benefit separated couples who are co-parenting.

### Our Family Wizard (OFW)



<https://www.ourfamilywizard.com/>

Cost: \$99/year, per parent

#### Helpful Features

- A Trade/Swap™ tool handles parenting visitation time modification requests.
- A parenting schedule planner keeps you current with parenting visitation calendars.
- An expense log tracks expenses and reimbursements.
- Message Board is an instant messaging platform where users are unable to edit or remove messages, they send.

**Highlights:** Plan holidays, easily track changes, stay up to date with school schedules and activities. **Optional features to add to OFW:** ToneMeter” (extra \$10/year) include adding 3rd parties, family law, and mental health practitioners. It catches and flags emotionally charged messages and gives users commands to change the message into something more appropriate. Learn More Watch YouTube Intro:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tChamq\\_sqnU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tChamq_sqnU)

## Talking Parents



<https://talkingparents.com/>

Cost: \$60/year premium features.

Free version available with features paid for la carte.

The software is free, however, to download a record of your communications incurs costs of \$3.99 per download or \$4.99 per month.

### Helpful Features

- Fully secure co-parenting communication tool
- Record of all conversations
- Calendar
- Shared files

**Highlights:** Premium monthly fees for using the mobile app and additional fees to create PDFs of calendars, conversations, and notes to show third parties (your lawyer, other professionals, or family court officials). Many parents purchase the premium version instead of paying fees for la carte. Learn More Watch YouTube Intro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41r72yCvHZk&feature=youtu.be>

## 2Houses



<https://www.2houses.com/>

Cost: \$12.50/month available year contract **for the whole family**

### Helpful Features

- Calendar
- Finance: manages shared expenses
- Messages
- Information bank: Bank Info, Medical Info, Document Storage
- Photo Album
- Journal: easily share information, news, photos, videos, and information about child/children

**Highlights:** *2houses* is an app to help parents communicate better and achieve better organization. The features include a photo album, journal, and bank information.

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## coParenter

<https://coparenter.com/>



Cost: \$119.99/year, per parent

## Helpful Features

- **Messaging and documentation:** non-editable with time stamps and flags emotionally charged conversations like the ToneMeter Our Family Wizard.
- **Live Coaching:** professional support in real-time chat for solving conflicts between parents.
- **Solo Function:** Messaging platform to support one parent

**Highlights:** The live coaching feature distinguishes coParenter from others.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=DKGrOYZOKAc>

## Co Parently

<http://coparently.com/>



Cost: \$99/year, per parent

## Helpful Features

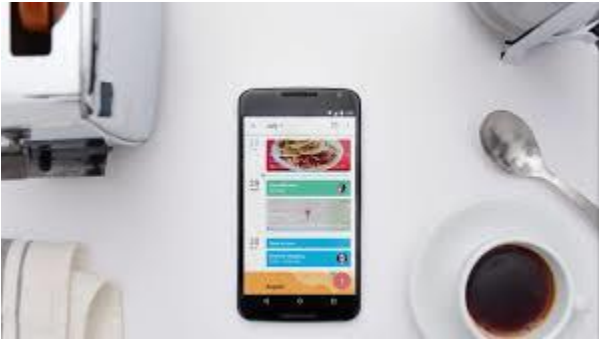
- Calendar
- Messaging
- Expense tracking shared expenses and payments in a printable and exportable format.

**Highlights:** The feature includes guest access to the messaging platform. Parents have flexibility shared scheduling and information with a guest user such as a lawyer, mental health practitioner, or family members. Learn More: <http://coparently.com/>

## Google Calendar & Sheets

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/>

<https://www.google.com/sheets/>



Cost: Free

Helpful Features

- Calendar
- Track expenses by a spreadsheet

**Highlights:** The requirement is, you need a Google account, which is free. To secure notification in updates, set your preferences to be notified by email.

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**Cozi**

<https://www.cozi.com/>



Cost: Free

Helpful Features

- Calendar

- Consolidated lists: Shopping, things to do, reminders

**Highlights:** Cozi is best suited as a family planner. Benefits help families stay organized. It is great software for low conflict parents who live separately. It offers a straightforward shared calendar and helps in organization for busy schedules.

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