

## Parental Co-Parenting Education and Coaching for Relocation and Long Distance Parenting

- Putting the child first when there has been relocation
- Understanding how to make long distance parenting work
- Applying Parental Gatekeeping Model
- Grow into being a cooperative co-parent for your child's sake
- Manage the risk of harm to the nonmoving parent-child relationship
- Performance Enhancement in Co-Parenting
- Addressing your emotions and parental conflict with relocation
- Practical problem solving

Parental gatekeeping refers to how parents' attitudes and actions affect the involvement and quality of the relationship between the other parent and child. Facilitative Gatekeeping enhances the quality while Restrictive Gatekeeping diminishes.



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## Long Distance Parenting



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## INTENDED FOR:

- Parents following a relocation custody trial and relocation is ordered by the court
- Parents who have agreed to a relocation and a long distance parenting plan
- When a nonresidential parent is relocating away from the child and the residential parent
- When a parent wishes to relocate with a child and before proceeding with litigation and/or a parenting evaluation



the approach combines the research-based models for relocation and gatekeeping to the task of co-parenting education to assist parents and children to make their long distance plan work for the best interests of the children despite the conflict that may exist because of relocation. The nonmoving parent is always concerned about Restrictive Gatekeeping and a diminished quality in the future relationship with the child. Gatekeeping is the central issue in all relocation disputes.

This service is available and probably should be viewed as necessary whenever a Court approves relocation. The goals are to help the parents develop a workable co-parenting relationship via education

about long distance parenting, coaching on how to manage conflict, and to promote involvement by both parents with the child when there will be a long distance parenting plan. Parenting evaluators are encouraged to recommend the service and courts are encouraged to order this service of co-parenting education and “gatekeeper training” for effective long distance parenting.

Gatekeeping is exceptionally important in long distance parenting. It cannot be over-emphasized how difficult it is for a parent to accept that his or her child is relocating and for the parent and child to adjust to the extended separation. This is why relocation produces so much angst and conflict.

For more information, please see the gatekeeping web page on the website. Dr. Austin’s professional publications on both relocation and gatekeeping are also available.

## TIME & COST

- 3 hours per parent
- Parents can request additional time for coaching
- \$200 per hour
- Parents can request lower fees due to financial limitations

**Report:** If the service is court-ordered, a report to summarize the service and parents’ response will be provided to court, attorneys, and parents.

Procedures to start the service are described on the website on the “Relocation and Long Distance Parenting” webpage at [www.parentalgatekeeping.com](http://www.parentalgatekeeping.com).

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Dr. Austin has presented over 20 professional workshops on relocation and child custody disputes. He has developed the relocation risk assessment forensic evaluation model for parenting evaluators and courts that is widely used across the country. He has a dozen publications on child custody, relocation, and creating long distance parenting plans.

He and his colleagues have developed the Parental Gatekeeping framework and forensic evaluation model for use in all parenting – child custody disputes and has presented 7 professional workshops on gatekeeping and co-parenting in the context of separated and divorced parents.

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