

It is my belief that parenting should be 50-50. Both parents should be given the opportunity to be able to render their children in a manner that is agreed upon. I have seen at first hand in Adams County where the father figure, who had completed all the necessary requirements, was still treated with inability to have a say in their child's future. Having a split already can be detrimental to a child's emotional stability. But being able to give the child the opportunity to see and have a relationship with both parents allows them to mend what's left of a broken home. If the child is only seeing one parent or only having one parent influence their decision-making and their opinions, this inevitably creates a child who believes one side without ever hearing the other. Kids are not in split homes because the parents are both still getting along, so of course their opinions of each other are not going to be favorable. This is not the child's fault but also should be given the chance to spend time with both parents without the influence of one parent's opinion of the other. The 50-50 parenting allows the child/children to not be swayed on if they wish to see the other parent. Because this is how the parenting system is done in Adams County Courts, it can only determine whether the children even see the other parent. One day the child will be an adult and establish their own opinion and feelings of their home situation, their upbringing and their parents. But robbing the child of the ability to make that decision because they have only been with one parent, is not in the child's best interest. This is why I am for 50/50 parenting in Ohio.