# **Co-Parent Communication Tools**

The following apps are provided for your consideration. Family Resolution Services make no recommendations as to the functionality of any application. Costs and other information regarding each app may have changed this this list was compiled

## Talking Parents (<a href="https://talkingparents.com/home">https://talkingparents.com/home</a>)

Sometimes, <u>co-parenting issues</u> can only be resolved through the courts. If you end up in this situation, <u>Talking Parents</u> can lighten your emotional load a little by providing a place to store all your communications. As a completely secure, easy-to-use record-keeping system, it saves you taking screenshots, making notes by hand and trying to retrieve long-lost emails should you need to supply proof of correspondence to the courts. The standard web-only plan is free to use, but it costs \$3.99 per PDF download. Alternatively, you can sign up for the premium plan at \$4.99 per month, which can be used on iOS and Android mobile devices and includes unlimited PDF downloads. **Cost:** Talking Parents App\$5.99

## **Google Calendar**

You might already use a tool at work or home that could make co-parenting easier. <u>Google Calendar</u> is a simple way to coordinate schedules with your ex; all you have to do is create a calendar and give your ex editing permissions. You can also schedule regular events to repeat automatically and create reminders. To get started, all you need is a Google account, and you can access it on your computer or via the app on any mobile iOS or Android device.

### WeParent (https://weparent.app/)

The founder of <u>WeParent</u>, who received a Ph.D. in Psychology, used psychological research to create an app for stress-free co-parenting. WeParent helps you manage events and appointments, documents, expenses, custody schedules, and messaging. The hope is that by eliminating conflicts, parents can fully focus on raising healthy, happy children.

### Cozi (<a href="https://www.cozi.com/">https://www.cozi.com/</a>)

<u>Cozi</u> wasn't specifically created with co-parents in mind, but its simple design and cool features make it one of the best free co-parenting apps. You can set up shared calendars, create to-do lists and share photos and recipes — with minimal stress. The basic version is free, making it a good first family calendar app if you want to try something out before making a financial commitment, and anyone — kids, grandparents, sitters, etc. — can access the shared calendar, get reminders, and see lists. **Cost**: Free from any computer or mobile device (<u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>), with in-app upgrades available.

FamCal (https://apps.apple.com/us/app/famcal-shared-family-calendar/id1098999871)

Although it's not exclusively for co-parents, FamCal has tons of features that can improve family connection, such as a shared calendar for important dates, events, tasks, and notes. It can be color-coded for family members, which makes it ideal for families with lots of kids with different schedules, activities, and commitments. It's a great way to keep those lines of communication open without having to talk on the phone or use text or email, which can often be difficult for co-parents, particularly in the early stages of separation or divorce. **Cost**: The basic version of the app is free on both <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>, with options to upgrade.

## OurFamilyWizard (https://www.ourfamilywizard.com/)

A divorced couple created the <u>OurFamilyWizard</u> platform to help keep communication between co-parents as harmonious as possible. Each parent has their own account, and can then add as many third-party, child, and professional accounts as they require at no extra cost, for example for grandparents, mediators and therapists. The optional extra ToneMeter works a little like a spellchecker, picking up on negative tones in a message and giving you an alternative that's less likely to start an argument. It also logs communication, giving you easy access to accurate records for use in court proceedings. **Cost**: Flexible subscriptions to the online platform start at \$99 for one year, with a 30-day money-back guarantee. ToneMeter costs an additional \$10 per year, and the mobile app is free on <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>.

## **Custody Connection (**<u>http://custodyconnection.com/</u>)

If agreeing — and sticking to — a custody schedule is a constant headache, <u>Custody Connection</u> could make it easier. It's based on a central calendar with a synchronized custody schedule, and parents can make "trade requests" via the app if they need to switch custody dates. The app automatically records whether requests are accepted or denied and updates both parents' calendars to reflect the change, which helps keep misunderstandings to a minimum. **Cost**: Free to download on <u>iOS</u>, with in-app upgrades available. It's not yet available on Android.

### **2Houses** (https://www.2houses.com/en/)

<u>2Houses</u> makes it easy to organize a custody schedule, manage kids' expenses, upload photos and notes, and exchange all necessary information, such as medical notes and school details. It also comes with a messaging service and mediator access via the web and mobile devices. The pricing is per family, not per parent, making it more affordable than other similar co-parenting apps. **Cost**: \$9.99 per family per month, but you can try it for free for 14 days to decide if you want to sign up. The app is free on both <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>, with in-app purchases available.

### AppClose (https://appclose.com/)

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