

## How to Survive a Child Custody Battle

A dispute for custody of a child can be one of the most harrowing times of anyone's life. If you and your ex-partner haven't been able to settle it out of court, the trial and the case will take ages and end up with at least one of you feeling horrible. However, there are things you need to remember when taking on your old partner and their lawyer in the battle for your child.

1. Remember that there is nothing more important than your child. If you feel like your partner could actually be supporting your kid better than you can, you must be willing to give them the benefit of the doubt. Always think about what is best for your child, not you.
2. Talk to your lawyer about the different laws in your state as well as any precedents to your own case. Try to comprehend all of the laws concerning custody, and check if your case is sound. The last thing you need is for the other team to figure out a legal loophole and shut you down before the case has started. If you are in [Scottsdale child custody help](#) isn't hard to come by, so make sure you make use of it when possible!
3. Try to settle the case outside of the courtroom. Have a conversation with your ex-spouse, parents and friends and try to settle the dispute on your own without getting the legal authorities involved in it. This is your child you are fighting for, so try not to let another person decide their fate for you.
4. Remember that there are different settlements for different ages. Just because one type of custody arrangement seems like it works when your child is still in infancy doesn't mean that it will when they are old enough to begin understanding certain things. Teenagers are even more complicated. As parents, you need to put your own differences aside and try to help them understand that it doesn't have to be constant animosity. Don't try to get rid of the kid and put them on the other person's hands. No matter how terrible your child is, you have to show them that they are loved. Failing to do so will result in a whole host of problems later on in life.
5. Have a journal of the proceedings of the case. Keep all of the information relevant to the case in this journal and make sure your attorney gets to see it. Place focus on things like your ability to provide for the needs of the child on a physical and emotional level. Also try to keep a record of things like abuse that happened between your ex-spouse and your child. While you shouldn't use any of this unless you truly believe your child needs to be with you, having this sort of ammunition will serve you well later.

There are so many other ways and means by which you can get through the custody battle with as few wounds as possible. Try to make it so that you can get what is best for your child and nothing more.