

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN for Case # \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Submitted by  Dad  Mom**

This proposed plan is being filed with the court attached to one of the following:

- Complaint
- Motion for Interim Custody
- Pre-Trial Brief
- Motion for Modification
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER:** The notice requirements (i.e. any requirements that you give each other notice of school events, medical issues or vacation plans) can only work when the parents have provided each other with phone number(s) and addresses where they may be reached.

**1. Parents.**

	Name	Address
Dad		
Mom		

**2. Child(ren).**

	Name	DOB	Age	School
Child 1				
Child 2				
Child 3				
Child 4				
Child 5				

**The notice requirements in this parenting plan only apply to the extent that**  
 Dad  Mom has provided the other parent with phone number(s) and an address where he or she may be reached.

3. **Legal Custody.** The responsibility for making major decisions affecting the child(ren)'s welfare including major medical decisions, educational, legal and religious decisions.

3.1  legal custody of the child(ren) shall be:  
 shared legal custody. The parents have the ability to communicate and make joint decisions regarding their child(ren)'s major medical, educational, legal and religious decisions that shall be in their best interest.

shared legal custody. Most of the time, the parents have the ability to communicate and make joint decisions regarding their child(ren)'s major medical, educational, legal and religious decisions that shall be in their best interest. However, after consultation with each other, if the parents are unable to decide an issue,  Dad  Mom shall make the final decision.

3.2  legal custody of the child(ren) shall be with  Dad  Mom. This parent shall keep the other parent advised of the child(ren)'s health status, education, grades, activities, legal and religious matters. This parent shall list the other parent on all forms and registrations as a parent and "emergency contact" person.

4. **Physical Custody.** The responsibility for the physical care and immediate, day-to-day supervision of the child(ren).

4.1  **Shared Physical Custody:** The parents have the ability to communicate and coordinate with each other to provide for their child(ren)'s physical care on a day-to-day basis. The schedule set forth below shall be the shared physical custody schedule for the child(ren).

4.2  **Primary Physical Custody:** the child(ren)'s needs can best be met by primary physical custody being with  Dad  Mom and the child(ren) spending time with  Dad  Mom for visitation as set forth hereinbelow .

4.3 **School Calendar.**

No later than March 1 of each year,  Dad  Mom shall obtain the school calendar for the next year and shall mark it with Dad's time and Mom's time for the school year, holidays and summer under this plan and give a copy to the other parent. The parents shall discuss any differences by April 1 and the parents shall reach an agreement or use the dispute provisions of this plan by June 1. This is the calendar that will be in effect for the following year.

No later than \_\_\_\_\_ of each year,  Dad  Mom shall obtain the school calendar for the next year and shall mark it with Dad's time and Mom's time for the school year, holidays and summer under this plan and give a copy to the other parent. The parents shall discuss any differences by \_\_\_\_\_ and the parents shall reach an agreement or use the dispute provisions of this plan by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This is the calendar that will be in effect for the following year.

**4.4 Conflicts in Scheduling.**

Sometimes "holiday time" may conflict with time set aside for the other parent. When this happens, the holiday time shall be observed over all other schedules. For example, if it is Mom's alternate weekend, but Dad's Labor Day weekend, Mom shall lose her weekend.

**5. Parents Living in Same Community - Custody Schedule.**

**5.1 Parents Living in Same Community: Regular Schedule - Infants to Age 3 (or Older).**

- The child(ren) shall be with  Dad  Mom at the times listed below and with the other parent at all other times.
  - Tu/Thurs Eve and Sat overnight  
Tuesday 4pm-7pm  
Thursday 4pm-7pm  
Saturday 10am-Sunday 10am
  - Tu/Thurs Eve and Sat overnight  
Tuesday 5pm-7:30pm  
Thursday 5pm-7:30pm  
Saturday 10am-Sunday 10am
  - Wed overnight/Sat overnight  
Wed 5pm-Thursday 9am  
Sat 12noon-Sun 6pm
  - Wed/Fri eve and Sat overnight  
Wed 5pm-7:30pm  
Fri 5pm-7:30pm  
Sat 5pm-Sun 6pm
  - Wed eve/Sun daytime  
Wed 5pm-7:30pm  
Sun 1pm-4pm
  - Supervised visits  
Supervised visits \_\_\_\_\_ times per week.  
The supervisor shall be \_\_\_\_\_(person/agency)  
The times shall be: \_\_\_\_\_
- Future:
  - This custody schedule shall remain the same as the child(ren) get older unless the parents agree to modify it or a court modifies the custody.
  - The custody schedule below shall apply when the child(ren) are older. The custody schedule shall change at the following time: \_\_\_\_\_
  - If one of the parents moves, the custody schedule in the "Different Communities" part of this plan shall apply unless the parents agree differently or a court order modifies the custody.

**5.2 Parents Living in Same Community: Regular Schedule - At Least Age 3 thru School Age.**

**Primary physical custody.** The child(ren) shall be with  Dad  Mom at the times listed below and with the other parent at all other times.

If the court has ordered a weekend plan below, then any "no school" days, such as teacher in-service days, go to the parent with that weekend.

Alternate weekends:

- Alternate weekends of Friday 6pm to Monday am/school.
- Alternate weekends Friday 6pm to Sunday 6pm.
- Alternate weekends Saturday 10am to Sunday 6pm.
- Alternate weekends from: \_\_\_\_\_

Three full weekends a month:

("Full weekend" means a weekend with a Saturday and Sunday in that month.)

- First three full weekends of every month from Friday 6pm to Monday am/school.
- First three full weekends of every month from Friday 6pm to Sunday 6pm.
- First three full weekends of every month from Saturday 10am to Sunday 6pm.
- First three full weekends of every month from: \_\_\_\_\_

Every weekend:

- Every weekend from Friday 6pm to Monday am/school.
- Every weekend from Friday 6pm to Sunday 6pm.
- Every weekend from Saturday 10am to Sunday 6pm.
- Every weekend from: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate weekends plus weeknight:

- Alternate weekends from Friday 6pm - Monday am/school plus every Wednesday 6pm - 8pm.
- Alternate weekends from Friday 6pm - Sunday 6pm plus every Wednesday 6pm - 8pm.
- Alternate weekends from Saturday 10am to Sunday 6pm plus every Wednesday 6pm - 8pm.
- Alternate weekends from: \_\_\_\_\_ plus every \_\_\_\_\_

Day visits only:

- Every Saturday from 10am to 6pm.
- Every Sunday from 10am to 6pm.
- Every \_\_\_\_\_ (day) from \_\_\_\_\_ (time) to \_\_\_\_\_ (time).
- Other:

Shared physical custody. The child(ren) shall be with Dad and Mom at the times listed below.

Split every week:

- Dad  Mom from Saturday at 6pm to Wednesday after school and the other parent from Wednesday after school until Saturday 6pm.
- Dad  Mom from Sunday 10am to Wednesday after school and the other parent from Wednesday after school until Sunday 10am.
- Other:

Alternate weeks in each home:

- Alternate weeks in Dad's home and Mom's home with exchanges every Friday at 6pm.
- Alternate weeks in Dad's home and Mom's home with exchanges every \_\_\_\_\_(day) at \_\_\_\_\_(time).
- Other:

Alternate two weeks in each home:

- Alternate two weeks in Dad's home and Mom's home with exchanges every Friday at 6pm plus alternate Friday night from 6pm to Saturday noon with other parent.
- Alternate two weeks in Dad's home and Mom's home with exchanges every Friday at 6pm plus alternate Friday night from 6pm to 10pm with other parent.
- Alternate two weeks in Dad's home and Mom's home with exchanges every \_\_\_\_\_(day) at \_\_\_\_\_(time) plus alternate \_\_\_\_\_(day) from \_\_\_\_\_(time) to \_\_\_\_\_ with other parent.

**5.3 Parents Living in Same Community: Summer Schedule - At Least Age 3 thru School Age.**

Same schedule as school year:

- The same schedule shall continue through the summer.
- The same schedule shall continue through the summer except that either parent may travel with the child(ren) for up to 15 days 21 days for a vacation with notice to the other parent at least 30 days in advance and a schedule, location and telephone numbers provided at least 10 days before travel.

Opposite schedule as school:

- The summer schedule shall be the exact opposite of the school year schedule for Dad's time and Mom's time.
- The summer schedule shall be the exact opposite of the school year schedule for Dad's time and Mom's time except that either parent may travel with the child(ren) for up to 15 days for a vacation with notice to the other parent at least 30 days in advance and a schedule, location and telephone numbers provided at least 10 days before travel.

Divided summer:

- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from one week after school is out until July 15th and  Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from July 15th until one week before school starts. The other parent shall have reasonable visits arranged between the parents during the summer.
- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from the time school is out until \_\_\_\_\_(date) and  Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from \_\_\_\_\_(date) until school starts. The other parent shall have reasonable visits arranged between the parents during the summer.
- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from one week after school is out until \_\_\_\_\_(date) and  Dad  Mom shall have the

child(ren) from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) until one week before school starts. The other parent shall have the child(ren) every week from Wednesday night at 6pm to Thursday morning.

**5.4 Parents Living in Same Community: Winter School Break (Christmas).**

- Definition:  Winter Break is 6pm the last day of school until 6pm the day before school starts again.
- Winter Break is defined as:

Regular schedule or one parent:

- whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular custody schedule shall have those days of Winter Break.
- Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break every year.

All of break alternate years:

- Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break in  even  odd years.
- Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break in  even  odd years.

One-half of break:

- Dad  Mom shall have first half of Winter Break every year and  Dad  Mom shall have second half of Winter Break every year.
- Dad  Mom shall have first half of Winter Break in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have the second half of Winter Break. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day:

- the schedule chosen above shall apply.
- in addition to the above schedule, the following applies:
- One parent Christmas Eve, one parent Christmas Day - same every year:
- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from 10am until 10pm Christmas Eve and  Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from 10pm Christmas Eve until 6pm Christmas Day every year.
- One parent Christmas Eve and one parent Christmas Day - alternate years:
- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from 10am until 10pm Christmas Eve and  Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) from 10pm Christmas Eve until 6pm Christmas Day in even years. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.
- One parent both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - alternate years:
- Dad  Mom shall have the child(ren) Christmas Eve from 10am to Christmas Day at 6pm in even years. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.

Travel during Winter Break: The above schedule for Winter Break shall apply unless a parent has elected to travel with the child(ren) under the schedule provided hereinbelow.

- Either parent may travel with the child(ren) during their time under the above schedule.
- Dad  Mom may travel with the child(ren) for the entire Winter Break in even years.  Dad  Mom may travel for the entire Winter Break in odd years.

- If either parent is going to exercise the "travel during Winter Break" option, they must provide notice to the other parent no later than  Nov 1  Nov 15  Dec 1  Dec 15  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ of when and where they plan to travel with the child(ren). At least ten days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a schedule, location, and phone numbers for the trip.

**5.5 Parents Living in Same Community: Other Holidays.**

- Mother's Day/Father's Day:
- If the child(ren) are not already with the mother/father on this day, then the mother/father shall be entitled to have the child(ren) for up to 6 hours. The mother/father shall give notice to the other parent of the schedule at least two days in advance.
- Thanksgiving:  defined as 10am to 8pm on Thanksgiving Day.  
 defined as Wednesday after school until Sunday at 6 p.m.  
 defined as \_\_\_\_\_  
 whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have Thanksgiving with the child(ren)..
- Dad  Mom shall have Thanksgiving every year.
- Dad  Mom shall have Thanksgiving in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have Thanksgiving in odd years.
- Halloween:  defined as 4pm to 8pm on Halloween day.  
 defined as 4pm on Halloween day to \_\_\_\_\_m. on November 1.  
 whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have Halloween with the child(ren).
- Dad  Mom shall have Halloween every year.
- Dad  Mom shall have Halloween in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have Halloween in odd years.
- Easter Sunday:  defined as 10am to 6pm on Easter Sunday.  
 defined as 6 pm the Saturday before Easter Sunday to \_\_\_\_\_m the Monday after Easter Sunday  
 whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have Easter Sunday with the child(ren).
- Dad  Mom shall have Easter Sunday every year.
- Dad  Mom shall have Easter Sunday in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have Easter Sunday in odd years.
- July 4th:  defined as 10am to 8pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 defined as 10am on July 4<sup>th</sup> to 10am on July 5<sup>th</sup>  
 whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have July 4<sup>th</sup> with the child(ren).

- Dad  Mom shall have July 4th every year.
- Dad  Mom shall have July 4th in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have July 4th in odd years.

- Passover:  defined as 6pm to 8pm.
  - Dad  Mom shall have the  first night  second night every year.
  - Dad  Mom shall have the  first night  second night every year.
  - Other:

- Hanukkah:  defined as 6pm to 8pm.
  - Dad  Mom shall have nights: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
  - Dad  Mom shall have nights: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

- Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah: \_\_\_\_\_

- Spring Break:  defined as 6pm last day of school to 6pm the day before school starts (Sunday).
  - defined as \_\_\_\_\_
  - whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have those days of Spring Break with the child(ren).
  - Dad  Mom shall have Spring Break every year.
  - Dad  Mom shall have Spring Break in even years and  Dad  Mom shall have Spring Break in odd years.

Travel during Spring Break: The above schedule for Spring Break shall apply unless a parent has elected to travel with the child(ren) under the schedule provided hereinbelow.

- Either parent may travel with the child(ren) during their time under the above schedule.
- Dad  Mom may travel with the child(ren) for the entire Spring Break in even years.  Dad  Mom may travel for the entire Spring Break in odd years and shall give at least 30 days notice to the other parent and a schedule, location and phone numbers at least 10 days before travel.

- Memorial Day weekend:  defined as Friday 6pm to Monday 6pm.
  - defined as \_\_\_\_\_
  - whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have those days of Memorial Day weekend with the child(ren).
  - Dad  Mom shall have Memorial Day weekend every year.



Dad  Mom shall have Memorial Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Memorial Day weekend in odd years.

Labor Day weekend:  defined as Friday 6pm to Monday 6pm.  
 defined as \_\_\_\_\_

whichever parent the child(ren) are with that year under the regular schedule shall have those days of Labor Day weekend with the child(ren).

Dad  Mom shall have Labor Day weekend every year.

Dad  Mom shall have Labor Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Labor Day weekend in odd years.

**5.6 Parents Living in Same Community: Birthdays.**

Dad's Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day)

Mom's Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day)

Parent's Birthday:

When it is Dad's or Mom's birthday, the birthday parent shall have their celebration during their regularly scheduled time with the child(ren).

When it is Dad's or Mom's birthday, the birthday parent shall be entitled to have the child(ren) for up to six hours for a celebration on the birthday and shall give notice to the other parent of their plan to exercise this option at least three days in advance. This visitation shall not interfere with a child's schooling or regularly scheduled activity.

Child(ren)'s Birthday:

When it is a child's birthday each parent shall hold their celebration during their regularly scheduled time with the child.

When it is a child's birthday, Dad shall hold a celebration during even years and Mom shall hold a celebration during odd years.

The parents shall hold a joint birthday celebration every year with Dad organizing it during even years and Mom organizing it during odd years.

**6. Parents Living in Same Community: Transportation and Exchanges of Child(ren).**

**6.1 Transportation.**

The parent receiving the child(ren) shall transport the child(ren).

Dad  Mom shall provide all the transportation between parents.

**6.2 Exchanges.**

Exchanges shall be at mother's and father's homes unless the parents agree to another place.

- Exchanges shall be at \_\_\_\_\_ unless the parents agree to another place.
- Exchanges shall occur on time. Each parent shall be on time for the drop off and pick up of the child(ren) and shall have the child(ren) ready. If a parent is more than 15 minutes late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements, the parent with the child(ren) may proceed with other plans and activities for the child(ren).
- Exchanges shall occur on time. Each parent shall be on time for the drop off and pick up of the child(ren) and shall have the child(ren) ready. If a parent is more than \_\_\_\_\_ late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements, the parent with the child(ren) may proceed with other plans and activities for the child(ren).

**7. Move by Parent - Notice and Future Schedule.**

- Each parent shall give at least 120 days notice to the other parent of any intent to move if possible and if not possible as much notice as is possible.
- Each parent shall give at least \_\_\_\_\_ days notice to the other parent of any intent to move if possible and if not possible as much notice as is possible.
- When one parent moves, the "Different Communities" part of this plan shall apply until the parents reach a modified parenting plan by agreement or the court decides a modification after one of the parents has filed a Motion to Modify Custody. This shall be considered to be "temporary custody and visitation" and either parent will be free file a motion with the court because of the move arguing that there has been a substantial change in circumstances that requires a modification in the child(ren)'s best interest.
- The child(ren) shall remain with the non-moving parent and the children shall have visitation with the moving parent as provided in the "Different Communities" part of this plan until the court decides a modification after one of the parents has filed a Motion to Modify Custody. This shall be considered to be "temporary custody and visitation" and either parent will be free file a motion with the court because of of the move arguing that there has been a substantial change in circumstances that requires a modification in the child(ren)'s best interest.

**8. Parents Living in Different Communities - Custody Schedule.**

- If the parents have been living in the same community and one parent moves, the child(ren) shall remain with  Dad  Mom  the non-moving parent and the following schedule for visits with the moving parent shall apply unless the parents agree differently or the court modifies the custody.
- The parents are or shall soon be living in different communities. The child(ren) shall be with  Dad  Mom except for the times stated below when our child(ren) shall visit with  Dad  Mom.

**8.1 Parents Living in Different Communities: Infant to Age 3 (or Older).**

- The parties' infant/toddler shall have the same visitation as is provided in this plan for the siblings in the other part of this plan.
- Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall travel to the community that the child(ren) are in \_\_\_\_\_ times per year, with 30 days notice to the other parent, and shall have daily visits of at least 4 hours and increasing to alternate day overnights. The visiting parent shall provide information as to schedule, location and telephone numbers for each visit.
- Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall travel to the community that the child(ren) are in \_\_\_ times per year, with 30 days notice to the other parent. After a re-acquaintance, the parent then may take the child(ren) for a trip. The re-acquaintance visits shall be at least two 4-hour visits on different days in a location familiar to the children and in the presence of a third person with whom the children are familiar and comfortable. The child(ren) may then travel for a visit with  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent for up to \_\_\_\_days. The traveling parent shall provide information as to schedules, locations and telephone numbers for the visit at least ten days in advance.

**8.2 Parents Living in Different Communities: Summer Visits - At Least Age 3 thru 5 Years (or Older).**

- the child(ren), aged 3-5 years, shall have the same visitation set out hereinbelow for the siblings in the other part of this plan.
- Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall have summer visitation
  - 3 weeks when age 3
  - 4 weeks when age 4
  - 5 weeks when age 5

The visit shall not begin until at least one week after school is out and shall end at least one week before school begins. No later than April 1 each year  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall notify the other parent of the dates of the summer visit and what the transportation arrangements will be. The parent shall provide information as to schedules, locations and telephone numbers for the visit at least ten days in advance of travel.

- The summer visit shall continue to be 6 weeks every summer.
- Beginning the summer of \_\_\_\_\_ (year), the summer visit shall be as below .

**8.3 Parents Living in Different Communities: Summer Visits - At Least Age 6 thru School Age.**

- Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall have summer visitation from one week after school is out until one week before school begins. No later than April 1 each year  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall notify the other parent of the dates of the summer visitation and what

the transportation arrangements will be. The parent shall provide information as to the schedules, locations and telephone numbers for the visit at least ten days in advance of travel.

Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall have summer visitation from one week after school is out until one week before school begins. No later than \_\_\_\_ each year  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall notify the other parent of the dates of the summer visitation and what the transportation arrangements will be. The parent shall provide information as to the schedules, locations and telephone numbers for the visit at least \_\_\_\_\_ days in advance of travel.

Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall have summer visitation of 8 weeks each summer to begin no earlier than one week after school is out and to end at least one week before school begins. No later than April 1 each year  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall notify the other parent of the dates of the summer visitation and what the transportation arrangements will be. The parent shall provide information as to the schedules, locations and telephone numbers for the visit at least ten days in advance of travel.

**8.4 Parents Living in Different Communities: Failure to Give Notice / Loss of Summer Visit.**

The parent who is entitled to the summer visitation has the duty to notify the other parent of their intention to have the child(ren) for summer visitation by the date provided in the previous paragraph. If the parent has not given notice of the dates they intend to exercise summer visitation, the parent the child(ren) are with may choose the dates.

The parent who is entitled to the summer visitation has the duty to notify the other parent of their intention to have the child(ren) for summer visitation by the date we agreed to above. If the parent has not given notice of their intention to exercise summer visitation, the parent the child(ren) are with may assume there shall be no summer visit and make other plans with the child(ren) and the non-custodial parent will have given up their right to have visitation with the child(ren) that summer although the parents may later agree to allow the visitation. .

**8.5 Parents Living in Different Communities: Winter School Break (Christmas).**

Definition:  defined as the day school is out until the day before school starts.

defined as: \_\_\_\_\_

One parent every year:

Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break every year.

Parents all of break alternate years:

Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break in  even  odd years.

Dad  Mom shall have all of Winter Break in  even  odd years.

Parents half of break every year:

- Dad  Mom shall have first half of Winter Break in  even  odd years and  
 Dad  Mom shall have first half of Winter Break in  even  odd years.  
The other parent shall have the second half of Winter Break.

Away parent all of break plus one-half of break alternate years:

- The parent who does not live in the same community with the child(ren) shall have all of Winter Break in  even  odd years and the second half of Winter Break beginning after Christmas Day in the alternate year.

Parent travels:

- The parent who does not live in the same community with the child(ren) shall travel to the child(ren)'s community and shall have time with the child(ren) as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**8.6 Parents Living in Different Communities: Spring Break.**

Definition:  Spring break is the school break beginning on the last day of school and ending on the day before school starts again.

Spring break is defined as: \_\_\_\_\_

- Dad  Mom shall have Spring Break every year.  
 Dad  Mom shall have Spring Break in  even  odd years and the other parent shall have Spring Break in  even  odd years.  
 The parent who does not live in the same community with the child(ren) shall travel to the child(ren)'s community and shall have time with the child(ren) as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**8.7 Parents Living in Different Communities: Other Holidays.**

- If the parent who does not live in the same community as the child(ren) comes to visit, the parent with the child shall arrange reasonable time for the child(ren) to be with the visiting parent. The visiting parent shall provide information as to schedule, location, and telephone number where the child(ren) will be.  
 If the parents have the financial ability to pay and travel is reasonable, considering the distance, time, school, and the child(ren)'s age, the custodial parent may agree to visits with the other parent for other holidays not listed above.

**8.8 Parents Living in Different Communities: Birthdays.**

Dad's Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day)

Mom's Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day)

Parent's Birthday:

- When it is Dad's or Mom's birthday and the child(ren) are not with that parent, the other parent shall assist the child(ren) in telephoning the birthday parent.

Child(ren)'s Birthday:

- When it is our child(ren)'s birthday, the parent the child is not with shall telephone the child at that parent's own expense and the other parent shall make the child available to talk with the parent on their birthday.

**9. Parents Living in Different Communities: Transportation.**

**9.1 By Car**

- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by car,  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall provide transportation both ways.
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by car, the parent receiving the child(ren) shall transport the child(ren).

**9.2 By Airplane.**

- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, they shall assist their child(ren) by considering jet lag, settling in times, and "best option in light of the price" schedules appropriate to the child(ren)'s age and needs.
- When they live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the parents shall split the cost of the summer visit each paying half.  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall purchase the ticket and the other parent shall reimburse within 30 days. Transportation for other visits shall be paid by the away parent that does not live in the same community as the child(ren).
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane,  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent shall purchase all roundtrip tickets for all trips and the other parent shall reimburse half of the cost of the child(ren)'s ticket within 30 days.
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the costs of roundtrip tickets shall be paid by each parent as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Break/Christmas | <input type="checkbox"/> Dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Parent |

- If a parent cannot financially pay for transportation, then the other parent has the option of [but is not required to] paying for the transportation for the visit to take place.
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the child(ren) may miss school  half-day  1 day  2 days, if they are otherwise doing well in school, in order to accommodate travel arrangements and be with the other parent.

**9.3 Airplane Escorts.**

- The parents shall consult with each other about whether an escort is appropriate for the child(ren) when they are going to be making an airplane trip even after the airline on which they will be traveling no longer requires an escort.
- The custodial parent shall make the decision as to whether an escort is appropriate for the child(ren) when they are going to be making an airplane trip even after the airline on which they will be traveling no longer requires an escort .
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the costs of roundtrip tickets for any escorts, including for a parent, shall be split 50/50.
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the costs of roundtrip tickets for a parent escort shall be paid by the parent doing the escort.
- When the parents live in different communities where transportation will be by airplane, the costs of roundtrip tickets for a parent escort shall be paid by  Dad  Mom  Moving Parent .

**10.  Military Parent or Parents [regardless of whether the parents live in the same community or different communities].**

**Pre-deployment visitation.**

The military parent who is being deployed shall have visitation of up to two weeks and the children (if school age) may miss that much school to accommodate the visitation.

Both parents will do their best to work with the child(ren)'s school to get homework, assignments and even testing over the internet if possible. The deploying parent will make sure (as much as possible) that the child(ren) do not fall behind in school.

During the visitation, the deploying parent will be photographed and if possible videotaped playing with the child(ren) and doing routine things such as eating meals; bed time routines etc. For pre-teens the deploying parent will be videotaped reading to the child(ren) and pictures from the book will be shown to the video camera. The video should be a half an hour to 45 minutes long. The person the child will be with (whether parent or other custodian) will show the video to the child(ren) at least once a week and as often as the child(ren) request to include (if there is reading of a book), giving the book to the child to follow along with the reading.

**Visitation of military parent while on leave:** After a re-acquainting period [if applicable] the visitation parent will have the following visitation:

This visitation will occur:

Until age \_\_\_ only in the child's community of residence..

Once the child is age \_\_\_ after a re-acquainting period [if applicable] the parent will be able to exercise visitation during any period the child is not in school as follows:

This visitation will occur either:

In the child(ren)'s community of residence for up to two weeks if the child(ren) are in school during the time visitation can be exercised. the visiting military parent will see that the child(ren) attend school and maintain their usual schedules for extracurricular activities.

In any other location for up to two weeks if the children are not in school at the time the visitation will be exercised.

It will not be grounds to deny visitation that the child is in school (and the military parent should be prepared to exercise their visitation in the child(ren)'s community if the child(ren) are in school) or that the child(ren) have other activities planned or that the military parent intends to exercise visitation in the presence of their own significant other.

#### **11. Vacations and Travel by Child(ren).**

- Either parent may travel with the child(ren) during their custody time.
- The parent traveling with the child(ren) shall give the other parent at least \_\_\_ days notice before traveling if the travel will be for a period in excess of three days (unless there is an emergency in which case as much notice as possible shall be given), and shall provide the other parent with a schedule, locations and phone numbers at least \_\_\_ days before traveling.
- The child(ren) may travel with others, such as a sports team, church, or school activity, with relatives or similar travel as arranged by the parent the child(ren) are with during that parent's time.
- If the child(ren) are traveling with others, such as with a sports team, church, or school activity, with relatives or similar travel for more than \_\_\_\_\_ days, the parent that has consented to the travel during their time shall give the information to the other parent in advance of the travel.

#### **12. Information About Events and Activities.**

- When the parents live in the same community each parent shall make a good faith effort to give information to the other parent about events and activities in their child(ren)'s lives like school programs, concerts, award ceremonies, plays, sports events and other things the child(ren) are participating in. Sometimes this information may be at the last minute but this happens with child(ren) and each parent shall make an effort to let the other parent know so that they can attend or talk about it with the child(ren).



- When the parents live in different communities each parent shall make a good faith effort to send the other report cards, school calendars, school pictures, copies of awards or programs from events and activities their child(ren) are involved in.

**13. Parent Traveling.**

- If either parent is traveling, they shall let the other parent know in advance where they can be reached in the event of an emergency or if the child(ren) want to contact them.
- If either parent is traveling, they shall leave information with another adult in their home where they can be reached in the event of an emergency or if the child(ren) want to contact them.

**14. Changes or Modification of the Plan.**

- The parents can vary this plan for special events, changes in circumstances and to adjust to the child(ren)'s schedule or a parent's schedule when the parents agree. Either parent may choose to take less time than this plan allows with the child(ren) . However, when the parents do not agree to change something, this plan is in effect. Either of the parents may file a Motion to Modify Child Custody with the court when they believe that there has been a substantial change in circumstances such that it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the plan be substantially modified by the court.
- Minor changes in the plan, such as travel times or exchange times can be put in a writing, signed by both parents, for clarification and for a record, but are not required to be put in writing and need not be filed with the court.
- Any change in the plan must be put in writing signed by both parents.

**15. Care of Our Child(ren).**

**15.1 Parent Remarks and Behavior.**

- The child(ren) have the right to be free of bad comments and behavior by one parent about the other. The parents shall not badmouth, criticize, roll our eyes, be sarcastic and otherwise be disrespectful of the other parent in the presence of our child(ren) and the parents shall not let others do this.

**15.2 Child(ren) as Messengers.**

- All communications regarding the child(ren) shall be between the parents only and the parents shall not use the child(ren) or anyone else (unless ordered by a court to use a third party as a messenger) to convey information, ask questions or set up custody changes.
- The parents shall keep a notebook that goes back and forth with the child(ren) that gives information about their schedule, problems, eating, sleeping, cute stories, new experiences and other

information for the other parent. The parents shall stop using the notebook only when both parents agree it is no longer necessary.

**15.3 Discipline.**

- Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, but neither parent shall use physical discipline.
- Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, with physical discipline as a last resort.
- Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, including physical discipline.

**15.4 Education.**

- Both parents may participate in school conferences, events and activities and may consult with teachers and other school personnel. Each parent may contact the school to receive grades, attendance, calendars, schedules, mailings and notices.

**16. Decision-Making.**

**16.1 Communication Between Parents.**

- The parents shall communicate with each other:

- in person
- by telephone
- by letter
- by e-mail
- other:

**16.2 Day-to-Day Decisions.**

- Each parent shall make decisions regarding day-to-day care of each child while the child is residing with that parent. Either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health and safety of the child(ren) and will advise the other parent of the decision as soon as possible.

**16.3 Records.**

- Both parents shall have full access to school, day care, medical and other records of the child(ren).
- Both parents shall have equal and independent authority to confer with the child(ren)'s school, day care and other programs with regard to the child(ren)'s educational, emotional and social progress.

**16.4 Braces.**

- If a dentist or orthodontist recommends braces for a child the parents shall cooperate to provide them.
- If a dentist or orthodontist recommends braces for a child, the custodial parent shall obtain a second opinion and if it also recommends that the child needs braces then the parents shall provide them.
- The parents shall consider braces as any other non-emergency medical decision.

- The custodial parent shall make the decision as to whether a child will be provided with braces if a dentist or orthodontist recommends braces for the child.

**17. Disputes.**

- Whenever possible the parents shall discuss the issues and attempt to reach an agreement based on what is best for their child(ren) at that particular time.
- If the parents are unable to reach an agreement on an important issue about their child(ren) after they have discussed it with each other, either parent may initiate dispute resolution by:
  - arranging for the parents to meet with a counselor to discuss and try and reach agreement.
  - arranging for the parents to meet with a trained mediator to try and reach an agreement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_(name) has agreed to be an arbitrator and after each parent presents what they think is best for their child(ren) the arbitrator shall make the final decision.

**18. Contact with the Child(ren) When with the Other Parent.**

**18.1 Telephone.**

- The parents shall each try to maintain answering machines so that the child(ren) can leave and receive the parents' messages.
- The child(ren) may telephone the other parent whenever they want to.
- The parent the child(ren) are not with shall make an effort to talk at least \_\_\_\_\_ times a  week  month by calling the child(ren) at reasonable times.
- The parent the child(ren) are not with shall telephone on the following days and times:
- If a message is left from the parent the child(ren) are not with, the other parent shall assist the child(ren) in returning the call.
- Reasonable times to call the child(ren) at the other parent's home are:
  - between 8am and 8pm
  - between \_\_\_ am and \_\_\_ pm
- telephone calls and other communication shall not be monitored by the other parent unless they believe in good faith that the child is having a problem.

**18.2 Mail.**

- The child(ren) shall be given all mail and packages sent by the other parent. If any mail is withheld the other parent shall be informed immediately.

- The child(ren) and the parents may communicate by email when computers are available.
- The child(ren) and the parents may communicate by text messages if cell phones and text message plans are available.
- Either parent may send audio tapes, including story tapes and video tapes to the child(ren).

**19. Re-Involving A Parent.**

- Dad  Mom has not had [or if in the future a parent has not had] frequent contact with the child(ren) for approximately \_\_\_\_\_, and wishes to begin more actively participating in our child(ren)'s life. To make this transition work for the child(ren):
  - Both parents shall seek counseling to assist them in helping the child(ren) with this transition and to receive advice about how to make the transition work.
  - The parents shall begin contact with the child(ren) by having the following schedule of contacts: The re-acquaintance visits shall be at least \_\_\_\_\_ 4-hour visits (on different days) per week in a location familiar to the children and in the presence of a third person with whom the children are familiar and comfortable.
  - After the above schedule of contacts has been kept for \_\_\_\_\_(time), the parents shall reach an agreement about increasing the time the child(ren) spend with the other parent. If they cannot agree they shall use the dispute resolution portions of this parenting plan to resolve the dispute.

**20. Child Care.**

**20.1 Parents Living in Same Community - First Option Other Parent.**

- Each parent shall call the other parent and give them first option to care for the child(ren) when they need childcare.
- Each parent shall call the other parent and give them first option to care for the child(ren) when we need childcare for more than:
  - 2 hours  4 hours  6 hours  8 hours

**20.2 Parents Living in Different Communities - First Option Other Parent.**

- If the parent who the child(ren) are with will be traveling, is ill, is deployed, is working out of town or otherwise unavailable to personally care for the child(ren) for an extended period, the other parent will be given first option to care for the child(ren) in the child(ren)'s home community or the other parent's community, depending on what is best for the child(ren) at that time.

**20.3  One or both parents military**

We understand that there may be **temporary** changes in custody or visitation due to deployment or military duty obligations that do not allow the parent to have the child(ren) and that this will not change the obligation to pay child support unless there is also a court order to suspend child support or for the deployed or absent parent to pay child support during this period (unless they are already ordered to pay child support).

These changes to custody or visitation due to deployment or military duty obligations that do not allow the parent to have the child(ren) is **only temporary** and after return of the military parent this parenting plan or agreement will again be fully in effect after any re-acquainting period (if applicable).

Deployment.

If the parent who the child(ren) are with will be deployed, is working out of town or otherwise unavailable to **personally** care for the child(ren) for an extended period due to military service requirements, the other parent will be given first option to care for the child(ren) in the child(ren)'s home community or the other parent's community, depending on what is best for the child(ren) at that time.

This means that the child(ren) will live with the other parent and not with grandparents, extended family members or significant others during the custody period or the visitation period the military parent is otherwise entitled to. It may also mean that the child(ren) will be enrolled in school in the other parent's community of residence.

We agree that if the parent who the child(ren) are with will be deployed, is working out of town or otherwise unavailable to **personally** care for the child(ren) for an extended period due to military service requirements, \_\_\_\_\_ (state name and relationship to the child(ren)) will be given first option to care for the child(ren) in the child(ren)'s home community or in another community, depending on what is best for the child(ren) at that time. The parent who is not affected by their own military service shall have the same custody of or visitation with the child(ren) as is otherwise provided in this agreement.

#### **20.4 Child Care by Other People.**

Each parent is free to choose appropriate child care providers.

Any child care provider for our child(ren) shall be:

a licensed child care provider.

a close relative or friend.

over the age of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **21. Grandparents and Extended Family.**

Each parent shall provide the child(ren) with visitation with the grandparents and extended family on their own side of the family as they decide is in the child(ren)'s best interest during their custody time.

The parents shall cooperate to help the child(ren) attend special events with grandparents and extended family by making reasonable requests of each other, considering the school situation and the child(ren)'s best interest and needs.

#### **Visitation with Grandparents/Extended family of military member.**

During deployment the custodial parent and any other person with physical custody of the child(ren) will allow the following visitation with the Grandparent/ Extended family of the military member:

Alternating weekend visitation if requested by the grandparents or extended family members from after school on Friday until 6pm on Sunday during the school year and during summer

The child(ren) may also spend up to 14 days  21 days  other \_\_\_\_\_[specify amount of time] with the grandparents/extended family member if the grandparents/family member provides at least 30 days notice of their intent to exercise the extended visitation. if they intend to travel with the children they must also provide a location, schedule and phone number for the travel at least 3 days before the travel.

Other [state agreement]:

**22. Parents Same Community or Different Communities: Transition Times.**

- When the child(ren) has to travel by air or car long distances that the parents shall each reassure them, tell them about the schedule, and use airline services that will help the child(ren).
- The parents shall assist their child(ren) to have comfort items like blankets, stuffed animals, and favorite things with them when they go from one home to the other.
- Each parent shall give the other parent information about the child(ren)'s homework, school projects, appointments and activities that need attention while the child(ren) are with the other parent.
- The parents shall talk to each other about the child(ren)'s sleep and eating schedule, any medications or health matters and their general condition before exchanges.
- When the parents are exchanging the child(ren) they shall not discuss other issues and that they shall not fight, be sarcastic or demonstrate anger during the exchange.

**23. Federal Taxes.**

- Federal tax law applies.
- Dad  Mom shall claim the child(ren) as a dependent on his/her federal income taxes each year.
- The parents shall claim their child(ren) as a dependent on federal income taxes each year as follows:

child: \_\_\_\_\_  Dad  Mom  
child: \_\_\_\_\_  Dad  Mom  
child: \_\_\_\_\_  Dad  Mom  
child: \_\_\_\_\_  Dad  Mom  
child: \_\_\_\_\_  Dad  Mom

Other:

**24. Permanent Fund Dividend**

Dad  Mom shall apply for the child(ren)'s Permanent Fund Dividend each year and (1) may use half of the PFD in the best interest of the child(ren); (2) shall place half of the PFD in an interest-bearing account; (3) shall provide the other parent with proof of deposit of the PFD and an annual statement by February 1 of each year; and (4) shall pay any taxes out of the child(ren)'s account.

Dad  Mom shall apply for the child(ren)'s Permanent Fund Dividend each year and (1) may use the money in the best interest of the child(ren) or save it; (2) shall keep a written accounting of how the money was used; and (3) shall pay any taxes.

Dad  Mom shall apply for the child(ren)'s Permanent Fund Dividend each year and (1) place the money in an  interest-bearing account  investment account; (2) shall provide the other parent with proof of deposit of the PFD and an annual statement by February 1 each year; and (3) shall pay the taxes from the child(ren)'s account. Withdrawals from this account may only be made if both parents agree or by a court order.

Dad  Mom shall apply for the child(ren)'s Permanent Fund Dividend each year and (1) shall place the money in an interest-bearing savings account that is in the name of both parents and requires both parent's signatures for withdrawal of funds; and (2) shall pay any taxes.