

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaintiff / Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION FILE
)	
Defendant / Respondent.)	No. _____
)	

PARENTING PLAN

- The Parties have agreed to the terms of this Plan and affirm the accuracy of the information provided, as shown by their signatures at the end of this agreement.

- This Plan has been prepared by the Court.

- This Plan: is a new plan.
 modifies an existing parenting plan dated _____.

1. Legal Custody & Decision Making

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is staying with that parent including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child.

[Check & complete only one of the following, either a) or b).]

- a) The _____ shall have sole legal custody of the child(ren) and shall have the authority to make the major decisions concerning the child(ren)'s education, extracurricular activities, health care, and religious upbringing.

- b) Both parties shall share joint legal custody. The parents shall consult each other and try to reach a joint decision on all major issues concerning the child(ren). However, if the parents are unable to reach a joint decision on one of these issues, then the final decision shall be made as follows:
 - (1) The parent with primary physical custody of the child(ren) shall make the final decision on the issue.

 - (2) The parents shall divide the authority to make the final decisions as follows:
 - Education Decisions Plaintiff Defendant
 - Extracurricular activities Plaintiff Defendant
 - Non-Emergency Health Decisions Plaintiff Defendant

- Religious Upbringing Plaintiff Defendant
- _____ Plaintiff Defendant
- _____ Plaintiff Defendant
- _____ Plaintiff Defendant

2. Physical Custody

[*Check & complete only one of the following, either a), b), or c). If you choose b) or want a custody arrangement that is not shown here, you should consult an attorney for appropriate language to use in place of this section.*]

- a) • The **Primary Physical Custodian** (*the parent which the children spends the majority of their time with*) of the child(ren) is the _____.
- The **Non-Custodial Parent** (*the parent who has the right to exercise parenting time/visitation*) of the child(ren) is the _____.
- b) Both parties shall share joint physical custody. A detailed plan of the living arrangements of the child(ren) **has been attached** to this Parenting Plan.
- c) The parents have agreed to split physical custody of the children, with one (or more) children living with the Plaintiff and the others living with the Defendant as follows:

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Child's Year of Birth</u>	<u>Parent with Primary Physical Custody</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Visitation & Parenting Time

The Non-Custodial Parent shall have the right to reasonable visitation with the minor child(ren), at any time by mutual consent of the parents, provided that the beginning and ending times of the visitation have been put into writing and signed by both parents before the start of the visitation. In arranging visitation, the parents shall take into consideration the needs of the child(ren)'s school work, extracurricular activities, and child care arrangements.

- a) If the parents cannot agree on specific visitation, the parents shall have the right to visitation according to the schedule attached to this Parenting Plan as “**Exhibit A.**”
- b) The visiting parent shall notify the other parent at least 24 hours in advance of any scheduled visitation if he/she does not intend to exercise that visitation opportunity.
- c) The visiting parent shall arrive to pick up the child(ren) for visitation within _____ minutes of the scheduled time, or shall lose that visitation opportunity.

d) Transportation Arrangements:

(1) For visitation, the place of meeting for the exchange of the child(ren) shall be: _____.

(2) The _____ (*insert parent name*) will be responsible for transportation of the child(ren) at the beginning of visitation and the _____ (*insert parent name*) will be responsible for transportation of the child(ren) at the conclusion of visitation.

(3) Transportation costs, if any, will be allocated as follows: _____.

(4) Other Provisions: _____.

e) Supervised Visitation:

(1) No supervised visitation is required.

(2) The non-custodian parent shall have supervised visitation with the child(ren) as follows:

(A) Visitation shall take place at: _____.

(B) Person/Organization supervising: _____.

(C) Cost of supervision, if any, shall be paid by: _____.

(D) Supervision shall be required until _____.

4. Other Parental Rights and Responsibilities

a) **Basic Principles** - The parents recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship in the child’s life is in the best interest of the child(ren). The parents recognize that the child(ren)’s needs will change and grow as the child(ren) mature and the parents agree to make a good faith effort to take these changes into account so that future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized. The parents agree that the welfare of the child(ren) is the most important and each agrees to encourage a feeling of affection and respect between the child(ren) and the other parent.

b) **Parent to Parent Communication** – Each parent shall promptly provide the other parent with their current address and phone number. A parent changing their address must give at least 30 days’ advance notice of the change.

Exemption: Due to prior acts of family violence, the address of the child(ren) and victim of family violence shall be kept confidential. The protected parent shall promptly notify the other parent, through a third party, of any change in contact information necessary to conduct visitation.

c) **Parent to Child Communication** – When the child(ren) are in the physical custody of one parent, the other parent has the right to contact the child(ren) as follows:

Reasonable telephone access, defined as no more than one call per day between the hours of ____ a.m. and ____ p.m., not to exceed _____ minutes, at the expense of the calling parent.

Reasonable text message or email communication.

Other: _____
_____.

d) **Access to Information and Records** - The parents agree that both parents will have access to all of the child(ren)’s records and information including, but not limited to, education, health, health insurance, extracurricular activities, and religious communications. The parents shall take the necessary action with school authorities of the school(s) in which the child(ren) are enrolled to:

(1) List both parents as a parent of the child;

(2) Authorize the school to release both parents any and all information concerning the child(ren); and

(3) Ensure both parents receive copies of any notices regarding the child(ren).

Limitations on Access Rights: _____
_____.

5. Special Considerations

Please list any special circumstances of which the Court should be aware of (e.g., health issues, educational issues, etc.). If necessary, please attach an addendum:

6. Parent's Consent

We knowingly and voluntarily agree on the terms of this Parenting Plan. Each of us affirms that the information we have provided in this Plan is true and correct.

Plaintiff [*Sign in front of a Notary*]
Name [*Print*]: _____

Defendant [*Sign in front of a Notary*]
Name [*Print*]: _____

Sworn to and signed before me, this
____ day of _____, 20____.

Sworn to and signed before me, this
____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

“Exhibit A” – Visitation Schedule.

During the term of this parenting plan the **non-custodial parent** shall have, at a minimum, the following rights of parenting time/visitation. To resolve any conflicts in the visitation provided under this schedule, the holiday visitation provided under paragraphs (c) and (d) shall have priority over the weekend, weekday, and summer visitation in paragraphs.

a) Weekend Time

1. A weekend shall be:
 - The weekend of the first and third Friday of each month.
 - The weekend of the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month.
 - The weekend of the second and fourth Friday of each month.
 - Other: _____.

2. For purposes of this Parenting Plan, a weekend will start at _____ [Write down starting time and indicate am or pm] on Thursday/ Friday/ Saturday/ or Other: _____ and the weekend will end at _____ [Write down ending time] on Sunday/ Monday/ or Other: _____.

b) Weekday Time

- None.
- Every _____ evening.
- Every other _____ evening.
- Other: _____.

1. For purposes of this Parenting Plan, a weekday will begin at _____ a.m./p.m. and will end [_____ p.m. / when the child(ren) return(s) to school or day care the next morning/Other: _____].

c) Holidays: The child(ren) shall spend holidays with each parent on the following schedule.

[NOTE: When filling out the Holiday section, please check only one preference and be careful not to check the same years for both parents. For example, if you check Even-number years for Plaintiff to have Spring vacation, then you should not also check Even-number years for Defendant to have Spring vacation.]

Holiday	With Defendant	With Plaintiff
Spring Vacation: From ____ p.m. on the day school lets out for vacation, until ____ p.m. on the day before the child(ren) return to school.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years
Fall Vacation: From ____ p.m. on the day school lets out for vacation, until ____ p.m. on the day before the child(ren) return to school.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years
Father’s Day: From _____ to _____ p.m.		
Mother’s Day: From _____ to _____ p.m.		

“Exhibit A” – Visitation Schedule

Holiday	With Defendant	With Plaintiff
Thanksgiving: (define) _____ _____.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years
Christmas: (define) _____ _____.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years
Summer Vacation: (define) _____ _____.		
Winter Vacation: (define) _____ _____.		

d) Other Holidays (if applicable):

Plaintiff’s Birthday: _____.

Defendant’s Birthday: _____.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: _____.

Memorial Day: _____.

July Forth: _____.

Labor Day: _____.

Halloween: _____.

Child(ren)’s Birthday(s): _____.

Religious Holidays: _____

_____.

_____.

Other Holidays: _____

_____.

Plaintiff [*Sign in front of a Notary*]
Name [*Print*]: _____

Defendant [*Sign in front of a Notary*]
Name [*Print*]: _____

Sworn to and signed before me, this
____ day of _____, 20____.

Sworn to and signed before me, this
____ day of _____, 20____.

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My commission expires: _____

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My commission expires: _____