

PARENTING PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. What understanding do your children have about the reason for the divorce?

2. How do your children know they are loved by you?

3. What daily responsibilities do the children have in your home?

4. What methods do you use to guide your children and prepare them for adulthood?

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN’S HEALTHCARE:

5. How do you and your present/former spouse handle non-emergency treatment? For example minor injuries, glasses, braces, other medical needs?

6. How do you and your present/former spouse handle emergency treatments?

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION

7. What childcare arrangements do you and your present/former spouse have?

8. What school and/or childcare transportation arrangements do you and your present/former spouse have?

9. How do you and your present/former spouse share school conferences and other school related activities and commitments of your children?

10. What are your shared parenting plans for summer vacation and school breaks?

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHARING PARENTING RESPONSIBILITIES

11. How do you share general information with your present/former spouse about the children?

12. What living arrangements have you and your present/former spouse made for the children?

13. What arrangements have you and your present/former spouse made for important holidays and family celebrations?

14. How do you and your present/former spouse manage the exchange of the children to make them feel more comfortable?

15. What, if any, are your and your present/former spouse arrangements for religious training?
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16. If major changes arise, such as moving or remarriage, what steps should be taken to work out a new arrangement between you and your present/former spouse, keeping in mind the children's needs?
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- _____
17. What are you willing to do to strengthen the children's relationship with the other parent?
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- _____
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PLEASE CHECK ALL ITEMS THAT YOU BELIEVE SHOULD APPLY:

- Each parent should inform the other parent of any change of address and/or telephone number _____ days/weeks in advance or within _____ days/weeks of the change.
- The parents should agree that since each has a unique contribution to offer to the growth and development of their children, each of them should continue to have a full and active role in providing a sound moral, social, economic and educational environment for the benefit of the children.
- Both parents should agree to provide an acceptable living arrangement for the children.
- Both parents should agree to provide nutritious meals for the children and to encourage proper grooming and health practices while the children are in their custody.
- Both parents should agree to encourage the children to initiate telephone and/or mail contact with the other parent on a regular basis.
- Both parents should further agree to encourage telephone and/or mail contact with grandparents and relatives.
- Other custody arrangements:

SPECIAL LIMITATIONS:

There are no special limitations.

OR

The following special limitations should be considered when determining the time sharing schedule:

Abandonment

Child Abuse

Domestic Violence

Long-term emotional or physical impairment

Severe conflict with spouse

Long-term impairment from substance abuse

Kidnapping or denial or access to children

Absence of emotional ties between parent/children

Other (describe): _____

The above limitation(s) affect(s) the parenting of the children in the following way(s): _____

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Both parents should develop a time sharing schedule so the children may acquire a feeling of continuity and predictability. A time sharing program is in the best interest of the children.

The time sharing schedule should be: (indicate days and times of exchange as well as transportation arrangements)

The children should be in the care of their father: _____

The children should be in the care of their mother: _____

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- Specific plans for the children to spend time with the grandparents or other relatives should be: _____
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SUMMER MONTHS:

- This time sharing plan should apply for all twelve calendar months, with no specific changes during the summer.

OR

- During the summer months the children should be in the care of their father:

- During the summer months the children should be in the care of their mother:

- Each parent should be entitled to a _____ week period of vacation time with the children. The parents should agree to negotiate the details of the vacation at least _____ days in advance.

- Each parent should agree that should either of them take the children out of the area for travel or vacation, that parent will keep the other informed of such travel plans, mode of transportation, destination(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) at which the children and/or parent can be reached.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (takes priority over the regular time sharing schedule):

(Options may include: celebrating the day together, splitting the day, alternating the day each year, etc. Please check those that apply and indicate days and times of exchange as well as odd/even years if alternating).

- New Year's Eve and New Year's Day: _____

- Easter: _____

- Mother's Day: _____

- Father's Day: _____
- July 4th: _____
- Thanksgiving: _____
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: _____
- Christmas vacation: _____
- On three-day weekends (such as Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.), the children should remain in the care of the parent who has the children for the weekend.

OR

- Three-day weekends: _____
- Other holidays: _____
- Children's birthdays: _____
- Parent's birthdays: _____
- Spring vacation: _____
- If through unforeseeable circumstances either parent is unable to follow through with time sharing arrangements involving the children, that parent should notify the other parent as soon as possible.
- The parents should agree that the children may accompany either parent for any other occasion as may be mutually agreeable, convenient and in the children's normal waking hours.
- Both parents should agree to help make the children feel comfortable during the exchange of the children.
- If a parent moves out-of-state or a distance greater than 100 miles, both parent should agree to the following transportation arrangement: _____
- Other _____

EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: School presently attending

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>

The parents should agree that the children will attend public schools.

OR

The parents should agree that the children will attend private schools and the tuition arrangements will be made as follows: _____

Both parents should have the right to participate in school conferences, events and activities, and the right to consult with teachers and other school personnel.

Both parents should make major educational decisions together.

OR

The final decision making regarding educational decisions should be with mother/father after consultation with mother/father.

Parents are advised that each parent is entitled to have access to school records of the child directly from the custodial parent unless the Court finds that such access would seriously endanger the child's or the custodial parent's physical, mental, moral or emotional health.

RELIGIONS EDUCATION ARRANGEMENTS: (If any)

Each parent should be able to take the children to a church or place of worship of their choice during the time that the children are in their care.

The parents should agree that the children should be raised in the _____ faith.

Other _____

CHILD SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS:

Child support should be determined by the Guidelines pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §78-45-7.14.

OR

- The following special conditions should be considered when determining child support: _____

- Child support should be paid directly to the parent as long as the payments are timely paid. If they are not timely paid, payments should be paid directly to the Office of Recovery Service and should be subject to an additional check processing fee pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §§ 62A-11-401 to 404.

OR

- Child support should be paid directly to the Office of Recovery Services and should be immediately subject to an additional check processing fee pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §§ 62-11-401 to 404.

- After each child has reached the age of 18 or has graduated from high school, whichever occurs later, both parents should agree to discuss the extension of child support up to the age of 22 so long as that child is enrolled in a two or four year educational or vocational post-secondary school program.

- Both parents should understand that parent/child access and child support are separate legal issues. Parental access may not be denied due to the failure to pay child support as well as child support may not be withheld due to the failure of a parent to allow access.

LIFE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS:

- The parents should agree that life insurance as security for the payment of child support should be maintained as follows:

Mother	Father	
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should maintain a policy of	decreasing term life insurance	other describe:
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on her/his life payable for the benefit of the children in the initial face amount of \$_____ during the term that such parent is still obligated to pay such support. In the event there is insufficient life insurance (less social security benefits or other entitlement payable for the children due to such parent's death) to pay such parent's support obligations, then the surviving parent shall have a continuing claim against the deceased parent's estate that shall survive the deceased parent's death and which should be treated with the same statutory priority as an Award of Homestead.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- Both parents should have the right to authorize emergency medical treatment if needed and the right to consult with physicians and other medical practitioners.
- Both parents should agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the children, to cooperate on health matters pertaining to the children and to keep one another reasonably informed.
- Both parents should agree to keep each other informed as to the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care practitioners.
- Parents should make major medical decisions together.

OR

- The final decision making regarding medical issues should be with mother/father after consultation with mother/father.
- Medical/dental insurance should be provided by _____.
- Both parents should pay for insured medical/dental expenses as follows:
 Mother _____% Father _____%.

OR

- Arrangements for medical/dental expenses should be as follows: _____

Parents are advised that each parent is entitled to have access to medical records of the child directly from the custodian of the records of the child directly from the custodian of the records or from the custodial parent unless the Court finds that such access would seriously endanger the child's or the custodial parent's physical, mental, moral or emotional health.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEPENDENT EXCEPTION(S) AGREEMENT:

- An agreement should be made in determining the federal income tax dependent exemption(s) as follows: _____

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- Both parents should agree that on an annual basis, on (date) _____, they will:
- Review their W-2 forms and federal income tax returns
 - Review the financial needs of the children.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

- Parents should consult and agree with one another regarding any extra activity that effects the children's access to the other parent or may be objectionable to the other parent.
- Parents should agree to enter the children in a specific activity, the fees for recreation programs, artistic or athletic lesson, etc. will be shared by the parents in the following proportions: Mother _____% Father _____%.
- If there is disagreement, the fees should be paid for by the parent enrolling the children.
- Whenever feasible, both parents should agree that when childcare is needed, the other parent will be considered as the care-provider of choice for the children for periods of time exceeding _____.
- Both parents should agree that each shall promptly inform the other of any emergency or other significant event which involves the children.
- Neither parent should change the children's residence from the State of Utah or travel with the children outside of Utah for longer than _____ days/weeks without prior written consent of the other parent or order of the Court.
- Each parent should agree that all communication regarding the children will be between the parents whenever possible, and that they will not use the children to convey information or to set up visitation changes.
- Both parents should agree that while a dispute is being resolved, neither parent shall deviate from this parenting plan, or act in such a way that is inconsistent with the intentions and the terms of this agreement.
- Each parent should agree to encourage love and respect between the children and the other parent, and neither shall do anything that may knowingly hamper the other's relationship with the children.
- Each parent should agree to strengthen the children's relationship with the other parent.

- Upon remarriage, each parent should agree to try to work together to encourage the acceptance of the new stepparent. Each parent, however, should not try to replace a parent's relationship with the new stepparent.
- Each parent should agree to respect the other's parenting style, privacy and authority, in order to provide a reasonable degree of consistency in the children's upbringing.
- The parents should agree to exert their best efforts to work cooperatively in future plans consent with the best interests of their children and to amicably resolve such disputes as may arise.
- Other _____

MODIFICATION/FLEXIBILITY ARRANGEMENTS:

- Both parents should agree that the needs and arrangements may change for both parents and the children. Therefore, both parents should agree to review their parenting plan after a period of _____.
- When any preschool children enter school, the parent's intent should be as follows:

- For teenagers: _____

- When parental needs change: _____

- Should changes become necessary, the parents should should not use the current residential schedule as a rationale/precedent for any subsequent schedule. In any case, it should be the intent of both parents that their respective rights and responsibilities not be affected by such necessary changes and that both should continue to parent the children as fully as possible.