

DEKALB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA

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| _____ , <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> | Civil Action |
| vs. _____ , <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p> | Case Number _____ |

PARENTING PLAN PROPOSAL

This Parenting Plan is being proposed by the Father Mother. This Plan supersedes any other plans concerning these child(ren) that may have been completed by this parent before this one.

1. DURATION OF PLAN

[Check and complete only one of the following two sentences, (a) or (b). Do not check both.]

(a) **Temporary** - This Plan is proposed only as a temporary parenting plan, and it is intended to be made a part of a *Temporary Order* by the Court, and to remain in effect until:

[If you chose (a), check and complete one of the following two phrases about how long this Plan will last, (1) or (2). Do not check both.]

(1) further order of the Court.

(2) the following date: _____.

(b) **Permanent** - This Plan is proposed as a permanent parenting plan. It is intended to be made a part of the final order and also any temporary orders entered about custody of the child(ren).

2. THE CHILDREN

The parents have _____ minor child(ren) together, as listed below:

Child's Name

Date of Birth

3. PHYSICAL CUSTODY

[Check and complete only one of these, either (a), (b) or (c). Do not check more than one.]
(If you choose (b) or you 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 _____ shall have sole physical custody of the child(ren).
- (b) The parents shall have joint physical custody of the child(ren), and a detailed plan of the living arrangements of the child(ren) **has been attached** and is part of this parenting plan. The _____ shall be the primary physical custodian of the child(ren).
- (c) The parents shall have split physical custody of the children, with one child (or more) living with the Father and one child (or more) living with the Mother. The list below shows which child(ren) will be living with which parent:

| <u>Child's Name</u> | <u>Child's Date of Birth</u> | <u>Parent with Physical Custody</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

4. LEGAL CUSTODY & DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

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. Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

[Check and complete only one of these, either (a) or (b). Do not check more than one.]
(If you 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 _____ 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) The parents shall have joint legal custody of the child(ren). The parents shall consult each other and try to reach a joint decision on all major issues concerning the child(ren)'s education, extracurricular activities, health care and religious upbringing.

[To finish (b), check only one of the following, either (1) or (2) on the next page. Do not check both.]
If you choose (2), you must also complete the four lines below it, by checking the appropriate boxes for the decision-maker.]

However, if the parents are not able to reach a joint decision concerning one of these major issues, then the final decision shall be made as follows:

- (1) the parent with physical custody shall make the final decision on the issue.
- (2) the parents shall divide the authority to make the final decisions as follows:
 - Education decisions Mother Father
 - Extracurricular activities Mother Father
 - Non-emergency Health decisions Mother Father
 - Religious upbringing Mother Father

5. VISITATION / PARENTING TIME

- (a) No visitation shall be allowed, except in the sole discretion of the custodial parent.
- (b) The _____ shall have the right of 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 requirements of the child(ren)'s school work, their activities, and child care arrangements.

- (1) If the parents cannot agree on specific visitation, the visiting parent shall have the right to visitation according to the schedule attached to this *Parenting Plan Agreement* as "Exhibit A."
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) **Transportation Arrangements** -

[You must complete subsections (i), (ii) and (iii) of this section on transportation arrangements, by making the appropriate choices, according to the instructions for each subsection.]

[In subsection (i) below, check and complete only one of the choices, (A), (B), (C) or (D). Do not check more than one.]

(i) Pick-up & Drop-off Location - Unless otherwise agreed by the parents in writing, the drop-off and pick-up for visitation shall be at:

- (A) The custodial parent's home
- (B) The child(ren)'s day care, school or day camp
- (C) The local airport, train, bus or public transit station
- (D) Other: _____

[In (ii) below, all of the sub-paragraphs (A)-(C) apply, unless you cross them out.

Use (D) to explain any special public transportation arrangements.]

(ii) Children's Unaccompanied Travel - If the child(ren) travel unaccompanied by a parent to or from visitation by means of public transportation, including airline flight, train, bus or local public transit, the following shall apply:

(A) The parent receiving the child(ren) shall make the transportation arrangements for the child(ren) to travel to that parent, taking into consideration the safety, convenience, cost and schedule of the child(ren) and the other parent;

(B) The parent sending the child(ren) shall get them to the local airport, train, bus, or public transit station in a timely manner;

(C) The parent receiving the child(ren) shall arrange for them to be picked up at the appropriate airport, train, bus or public transit station in a timely manner.

(D) _____

[In (iii) below, check and complete only one of the choices, (A), (B) or (C). Do not check more than one.]

(iii) Transportation Costs - The cost of transportation for the child(ren)'s visitation shall be paid as follows:

(A) The parent exercising visitation shall bear the transportation cost;

(B) Each parent shall bear the cost of the child(ren)'s transportation when the child(ren) are traveling to that parent, whether at the beginning or the end of the child(ren)'s visitation;

(C) _____

(5) **Supervision**

(i) No supervision is required for the visitation.

(ii) The visitation shall be supervised as follows:

(A) Supervision shall be done by _____.

(B) The cost of supervision, if any, shall be paid by _____.

(C) Supervision shall be required until:

(1) the following date: _____.

(2) exercise of visitation the following number of times: _____.

(3) successful completion of:

(a) anger management training _____.

(b) substance abuse treatment _____.

(c) alcohol abuse treatment _____.

(d) other _____.

(4) the youngest child reaches the age of _____.

6. **OTHER PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(a) **Basic Principles** — I recognize that the child(ren) have two parents who love them and want to be involved in their upbringing. I recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child(ren)'s life will be in the child(ren)'s best interest. I recognize that the child(ren)'s needs will change and grow as the child(ren) mature and I will make an effort to parent that takes this into account so that future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized. I recognize that the parent with physical custody will make day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with the parent. I believe that the welfare of the child(ren) is most important and I agree to encourage a feeling of affection and respect between the child(ren) and the other parent. Neither parent shall involve the child(ren) in actions or communications which would endanger the child(ren)'s opinion of the other parent.

(b) **Addresses and Telephone Numbers** — The parents shall provide each other with their current home address and telephone number, as well as a telephone number to call in case of emergency; they shall also notify each other of any change in the address or telephone numbers, at least 30 days prior to the change.

(c) **Telephone Communication** — Neither parent shall do anything to interfere with the child(ren) communicating with the other parent. Each parent shall have the right to call and talk to the child(ren) when they are in the care of the other parent, up to one time each day, at the expense of the calling parent. Calls shall be made between the hours of _____ a.m. and _____ p.m.

(d) **Access to Information** — Both parents shall have access to all of the child(ren)'s records and information, including, but not limited to, education, health, extracurricular activities, and religious communications, except as provided below:

(1) No Exceptions

(2) The Mother Father shall not have access to the following records, unless the other parent gives his or her permission in writing: _____

This Parenting Plan proposal is being filed by the parent whose signature appears below. The parent believes that this Plan will serve the best interests of the parties' children and therefore asks the Court to make this proposed plan a part of any appropriate order the Court enters concerning custody or visitation of the parties' children.

 Mother Father (Signature)

(Print Name)

(Address)

(City, State & Zip Code)

() _____
(Daytime area code & telephone number)

“Exhibit A” - Visitation Schedule

If the parents cannot agree on specific visitation, the _____ shall have the right to visitation according to the schedule below. To resolve any conflicts in the visitation provided under this schedule, the holiday visitation provided under paragraph (b) shall have priority over the weekend and summer visitation in paragraphs (a) and (c).

- (a) **Weekends** — The first and third weekends of every month, from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The first and third weekends shall be defined as the weekends containing the first and third Fridays of the month.

[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 Father to have Spring vacation, then you should not also check Even-number years for Mother to have Spring vacation.]

- (b) **Holidays** — The child(ren) shall spend holidays with each parent on the following schedule:

| Holiday | With Father | With Mother |
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| <p>Spring vacation, from 6:00 p.m. on the day school lets out for vacation, until 6:00 p.m. on the day before the child(ren) return to school.</p> <p>If none of the child(ren) is enrolled in school, this vacation shall be for up to one week (seven consecutive days) during the months of March or April; provided that the visiting parent shall give written notice of the chosen week to the other parent at least 30 days prior to the beginning of this visitation.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| <p>Easter weekend, 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 Sunday, provided that it does not conflict with Spring vacation above.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| <p>Mother’s Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p> | Not applicable | Every year |
| <p>Memorial Day weekend, 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| <p>Father’s Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p> | Every year | Not applicable |
| <p>Fourth of July, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |

| Holiday | With Father | With Mother |
|--|---|---|
| Labor Day weekend , 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| Thanksgiving weekend , 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| First part of Christmas vacation , from 6:00 on the day school lets out for vacation, until 12:00 noon on December 25 th . If none of the child(ren) is enrolled in school, this visitation shall be from 6:00 p.m. on December 20 th until 12:00 noon on December 25 th . | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |
| Latter part of Christmas vacation , from 12:00 noon on December 25 th to 6:00 p.m. on the day before the child(ren) return to school. If none of the child(ren) is enrolled in school, this visitation shall be from 12:00 noon on December 25 th until 6:00 p.m. on January 1 st . | <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-number years <input type="checkbox"/> Even-number years |

(c) **Summer Vacation** — _____ weeks during the child(ren)'s summer vacation from school. However, if none of the child(ren) is enrolled in school, this summer visitation shall be taken during the months of June, July and August, until such time as one of the child(ren) begins to attend school. The weeks may be taken consecutively or non-consecutively, but shall be taken in increments of at least seven (7) consecutive days. The parent with visitation shall give written notice of the chosen weeks to the other parent on or before March 1st (so that both parents will have ample time to make camp and child care arrangements for the summer).