

# PARENTING PLAN TEMPLATE

## Parties

### Parent 1

Name:

Address:

### Parent 2

Name:

Address:

## Custody and Decision-Making

- a. Legal custody of the children shall be shared equally between the parents.
- b. The parents shall make decisions regarding the children's education, health, and welfare jointly.
- c. In the event of a disagreement, the parents shall attempt to resolve the issue through mediation before seeking court intervention.

## Parenting Time Schedule

- a. The parents shall share the parenting time of the children on a week-to-week basis.
- b. Each parent shall have the children alternating weeks, with the exchange occurring on Sunday at [INSERT HOUR].
- c. The parents may agree to modify the parenting time schedule for special occasions, holidays, or other events.

## Communication and Access

- a. Each parent shall always have reasonable access to the children via telephone, email, or text message.
- b. The parents shall provide each other with the children's current contact information, including phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses.
- c. Each parent shall notify the other parent of any changes to the children's contact information.

## Child Support

- a. Child support shall be paid by the non-custodial parent to the custodial parent in accordance with the state's child support guidelines.

## **Holidays and Special Occasions**

- a. The parents shall alternate holidays on an even/odd year basis. The following is the schedule:
  - New Year's Day: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
  - Easter: Parent 1 in odd years, Parent 2 in even years
  - Memorial Day: Parent 2 in odd years, Parent 1 in even years
  - Independence Day: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
  - Labor Day: Parent 1 in odd years, Parent 2 in even years
  - Thanksgiving: Parent 2 in odd years, Parent 1 in even years
  - Christmas: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
- b. Each parent shall have the children for their respective birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day.

## **Transportation**

- a. The parents shall be responsible for transporting the children during their respective parenting time.
- b. If one parent is unable to transport the children, the other parent shall provide transportation.
- c. If the parents live more than 100 miles apart, the non-custodial parent shall be responsible for transportation for visitation.

## **Education and Extracurricular Activities**

- a. Each parent shall have the right to participate in the children's education and extracurricular activities.
- b. The parents shall keep each other informed of the children's school and activity schedules.
- c. Each parent shall be responsible for transporting the children to and from extracurricular activities during their respective parenting time.

## **Health Care**

- a. The parents shall consult with each other regarding the children's health care needs.
- b. Each parent shall have access to the children's medical records.
- c. Each parent shall be responsible for the children's health insurance during their respective parenting time.

## **Dispute Resolution**

- a. The parents shall attempt to resolve any disputes or disagreements related to the parenting plan through mediation.
- b. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parents may seek court intervention.

## **Modification**

- a. This parenting plan may be modified by mutual agreement of the parents.
- b. Any modifications to the parenting plan must be in writing and signed by both parents.

I hope this template helps you create a comprehensive parenting plan that meets your specific needs. However, please keep in mind that this is just a basic template and you may need to make modifications to it based on your individual circumstances. It is always a good idea to consult with an attorney or legal professional to ensure that your parenting plan meets all legal requirements.

## **Relocation**

- a. The parents shall provide written notice to each other at least 60 days prior to any planned relocation of the children.
- b. If the relocation will significantly impact the parenting time schedule or the children's education or extracurricular activities, the parents shall attempt to negotiate a modification to the parenting plan.
- c. If the parents are unable to reach an agreement regarding the relocation, the matter may be brought before the court for resolution.

## **Vacation Time**

- a. Each parent shall have the right to two weeks of vacation time with the children per year.
- b. Vacation time shall be scheduled in advance and shall not interfere with the children's education or extracurricular activities.
- c. The non-custodial parent shall provide the custodial parent with a written itinerary of the vacation plans at least two weeks prior to the vacation.

## **Grandparent Visitation**

- a. Each parent shall encourage and facilitate regular contact between the children and their grandparents.
- b. The children's grandparents may request visitation with the children, and the parents shall attempt to accommodate these requests as long as they do not interfere with the parenting time schedule or the children's education or extracurricular activities.
- c. If the parents are unable to reach an agreement regarding grandparent visitation, the matter may be brought before the court for resolution.

## **Confidentiality**

- a. The parents shall maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding the children, including medical and educational records unless disclosure is required by law.
- b. The parents shall not use information about the other parent in a manner that is harmful or detrimental to the children.

## **Other Provisions**

- a. Any other provisions agreed to by the parents may be included in this parenting plan.
- b. This parenting plan supersedes any previous agreements or court orders related to the children's custody and parenting time.

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