

Online Dispute Resolution Checklist for Parties— Shared Parenting Plan

You will need the following information to complete the Shared Parenting Plan online dispute resolution negotiation. It may be helpful to gather this information before starting your negotiation.

Note: In a shared parenting plan, each parent, regardless of where the child is residing, is the "residential parent," the "residential parent and legal custodian," or "custodial parent" of the child(ren). (See Supreme Court Uniform Domestic Relations Form 20 – Shared Parenting Plan for more information.)

1. Parents

- What is the legal name of each parent?
- What is the address of each parent?
- What is the telephone number of each parent?
- What is the email address of each parent?

2. Children

How many biological or adopted children do you have together?

- How many are age 18 or older?
- Are any of the children who are age 18 or older mentally or physically incapable of supporting themselves? If yes, what are their names and birthdates?
- How many children are under age 18? What are their names and dates of birth?

3. Parenting Time Schedule

What will the parenting time schedule be?

Review the court's Standard Order of Parenting Time on the court's website. You may use this schedule, modify it, or make an entirely different schedule that works for your family.

- What will be your parenting time schedule during the school year?
- What will be your parenting time schedule during the summer?
- What will be your holiday schedule?
- What will be your vacation / staycation plan?
- What is your plan for transporting the children at the beginning and end of each parent's parenting times?

4. Residential Parent for School Purposes

- Which parent will be designated as the residential parent for school purposes for each child?
- Note: If the child attends a public school, this parent's address may determine school attendance.

5. Educational Decisions

• If you cannot agree about important educational decisions affecting your children, other than school placement, which parent's decision will control?

6. Children's Activities

- Do the children have extracurricular, school-related, or other activities?
- Are there any agreements you want to include about these activities, and transportation to and from these activities?
- Who will pay for these activities?
- If the expenses are shared, how will one parent reimburse the other for payment of these expenses?

7. Medical Decisions

• If you cannot agree about a medical course of treatment affecting your children, which parent's decision will control?

8. Parents' Access

- Will either parent have any restrictions on their ability to access the children's school records?
- Will either parent have any restrictions on their ability to access the children's day care center?
- Will either parent have any restrictions on their ability to access the children's school activities?

9. Child Support

- Has child support been established by an administrative order from the Child Support Enforcement Agency?
- Has child support been established by a separate court order?

10. Income Tax Deduction

- Have the income tax dependency deductions been addressed in a separate court order?
- Which parent will claim which child on their taxes for the dependency exemption?

11. Other Agreements

• Are there any other agreements, relating to the children, you want to include in your shared parenting plan?