

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

_____,)
 Plaintiff)
 vs.) Civil Action No. _____
 _____)
 Defendant)

PLAINTIFF'S/DEFENDANT'S (circle one) PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN

Comes now _____ (Plaintiff or Defendant), and pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 19-9-1, proposes the following Parenting Plan:

This plan is a new plan.
 modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated _____.
 modifies an existing Order dated _____.

Child's Name	Date of Birth

I. Custody and Decision Making:

A. Legal Custody shall be (choose one):

- with the Mother
- with the Father
- Joint

B. Primary Physical Custodian

For each of the children named below the primary physical custodian shall be:

NAME:

d/o/b: Mother Father Joint

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WHERE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS CHOSEN BY THE PARENTS, A DETAILED PLAN OF THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHILD(REN) SHALL BE ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THIS PARENTING PLAN. FURTHER, A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF WHY JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD (attach elections, mental health evaluations, Guardian ad Litem reports or other). ALSO NOTE THAT TWO CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEETS WILL BE REQUIRED.

C. Day-To-Day Decisions

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

Describe how decisions will be made regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is residing with the other parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of a child.

D. Other Decision-making issues

The primary physical custodian will have responsibility for major decisions after discussion with the other parent.

Describe particulars of joint or divided decision making:

E. Disagreements

Where parents have elected joint decision making in Section I.D above, please explain how any disagreements in decision-making will be resolved. (e.g., mediation, arbitration, etc.)

II. Parenting Time/Visitation Schedules

A. Parenting Time/Visitation

During the term of this parenting plan the non-custodial parent shall have at a minimum the following rights of parenting time/visitation (choose an item):

- 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.
- Every other weekend starting on _____.
- Each _____ starting at _____ a.m./p.m. and ending _____ a.m./p.m.
- Other: _____

For purposes of this parenting plan, a weekend will start at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____ and end at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____.

This parenting schedule begins:

- _____ OR date of the Court's Order
(day and time)

B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods

Thanksgiving

The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth:

Winter Vacation

The mother father shall have the child(ren) for the first period from the day and time school is dismissed until December _____ at _____ a.m./p.m. in odd numbered years even numbered years every year. The other parent will have the child(ren) for the second period from the day and time indicated above until 6:00 p.m. on the evening before school resumes. Unless otherwise indicated, the parties shall alternate the first and second periods each year father with odd numbered years and mother with even numbered years.

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Other agreement of the parents:

Summer Vacation

Define summer vacation period: _____

The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth:

Spring Vacation (if applicable)

Define: _____

The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth:

Fall Vacation (if applicable)

Define: _____

The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth:

C. Other Holiday Schedule (if applicable)

Indicate if child(ren) will be with the parent in ODD or EVEN numbered years or indicate EVERY year:

In addition to the birthdays of the parties and the children the holidays affected by visitation are described below.

	MOTHER	FATHER
Child(ren)'s Birthday(s)	_____	_____
Mother's Birthday	_____	_____
Father's Birthday	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____

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Other: _____

Other: _____

_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

D. Other extended periods of time during school, etc. (refer to the school schedule)

E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation

For the purposes of this parenting plan, the holiday will start and end as follows (choose one):

- Holidays that fall on Friday will include the following Saturday and Sunday
- Holidays that fall on Monday will include the preceding Saturday and Sunday
- Other: _____

F. Coordination of Parenting Schedules

Check if applicable:

The holiday parenting time/visitation schedule takes precedence over the regular parenting time/visitation schedule.

When the child(ren) is/are with a parent for an extended parenting time/visitation period (such as summer), the other parent shall be entitled to visit with the child(ren) during the extended period, as follows:

G. Transportation Arrangements

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, the delivering parent will be responsible for transportation of the child.

The delivering party will be responsible for costs in connection with the delivery:

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Other provisions:

H. Contacting the child

When the child or children are in the physical custody of one parent, the other parent will have the right to contact the child or children as follows:

Telephone

Other: _____

Limitations on contact: _____

I. Supervision of Parenting Time (if applicable)

Check here if Applicable

Supervised parenting time shall apply during the day-to-day schedule as follows:

Place:

Person/Organization supervising:

Responsibility for cost:

mother

father

both equally

J. Communication Provisions

Please check:

Each parent shall promptly notify the other parent of a change of address, phone number or cell phone number. A parent changing residence must give at least 30 days advance notice of the change and provide the full address of the new residence.

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.

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Other communication provisions:

III. Access to Records and Information

Rights of the Parents

Absent agreement to limitations or court ordered limitations, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-9-1 (b) (1) (D), both parents are entitled to access to all of the child(ren)'s records and information, including, but not limited to, education, health, extracurricular activities, and religious communications. Designation as a non-custodial parent does not affect a parent's right to equal access to these records.

Limitations on access rights:

Other Information Sharing Provisions:

IV. Modification of Plan or Disagreements

Parties may, by mutual agreement, vary the parenting time/visitation; however, such agreement shall not be a binding court order, nor shall it constitute a defense for contempt unless agreed on in writing. Custody shall only be modified by court order.

Should the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they must make a good faith effort to resolve the issue between them.

V. Special Considerations

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

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VI. Parent's Consent

Please review the following and initial:

1. I recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child's life is in the child's best interest.

Mother's Initials: _____ Father's Initials: _____

2. I recognize that our child's needs will change and grow as the child matures; we have made a good faith effort to take these changing needs into account so that the need for future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized.

Mother's Initials: _____ Father's Initials: _____

3. I recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with such parent.

Mother's Initials: _____ Father's Initials: _____

I knowingly and voluntarily agree on the terms of this Parenting Plan. I further affirm that the information I have provided in this Plan is true and correct.

This ___ day of _____, 2008.

Signature of Proposing Party