

PARENTING PLAN SAMPLE ONE

I. PARENTS

Mother:

Father:

II. CHILDREN: This parenting plan is for the following children born to or adopted by the parties:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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III. JURISDICTION

The United States is the country of habitual residence of the children.

The State of Florida maintains the most significant contacts with the children and is the most appropriate forum for addressing parenting contact and time-sharing.

The State of Florida is the children's home state for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

This Parenting Plan is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. ss 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980.

IV. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DECISION MAKING

1. Shared Parental Responsibility:

It is in the best interests of the children that the parties have full parental rights to make major decisions affecting the welfare of the children. Major decisions include, but are not limited to, decisions about the children's education, non-emergency healthcare and religious training.

2. Day-to-Day Decisions:

Each parent shall make decisions regarding day-to-day care and control of each child while the child is residing with the parent. Regardless of the allocation of decision making in the parenting plan, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the children when the child is residing with that parent. A parent who makes an emergency decision shall share the decision with the other parent as soon as reasonably possible.

V. INFORMATION SHARING. Unless otherwise indicated or ordered by the Court:

Both parents shall have access to medical and school records pertaining to the children and shall be permitted to independently consult with any and all professionals involved with the children. The parents shall cooperate with each other in sharing information related to the health, education and welfare of the children and they shall sign any necessary documentation ensuring that both parents have access to said records.

Each parent shall be responsible for obtaining records and reports directly from the school and health care providers.

Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the children.

Both parents shall have equal and independent authority to confer with the children's school, day care, health care providers and other programs with regard to the children's educational, emotional and social progress.

Both parents shall be listed as "emergency contacts" for the children.

Each parent has a continuing responsibility to provide a residential, mailing or contact address and contact telephone number to the other parent. Each parent shall notify the other parent in writing within 24 hours of any changes. Each parent shall notify the court in writing within seven (7) days of any changes.

VI. TIMESHARING SCHEDULE

The Mother shall have Timesharing **Block B**.

The Father shall have Timesharing **Block A**.

1. Timesharing **Block A** shall consist of the following:

A. WEEKENDS. The weekend schedule as set forth below applies: (Check only one)

[] a. Every other weekend beginning on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

[] b. Every other weekend beginning on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until the children are dropped off on Monday morning at school. During times when the children are not in school, this return exchange shall occur on Monday at 7:45 a.m. unless the parties mutually agree to other exchange times.

[] c. Every other weekend beginning on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until the children are dropped off at school on Monday morning. During times when the children are not in school, this return exchange shall occur on Monday at 7:45 a.m. unless the parties mutually agree to other exchange times.

*times may be adjusted

B. WEEKDAY TIMESHARING: The weekday timesharing begins on Wednesday when school releases and ends at 8:00 p.m. *time may be adjusted

C. HOLIDAYS: In odd-numbered years, the parent with Timesharing Block A shall have Spring Break, Easter Sunday, July 4th, Thanksgiving and the first half of winter break. The parent with Timesharing Block B shall have Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend, Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, Halloween and the second half of winter break. In even-numbered years, the schedule shall be reversed. *times may be adjusted or wrapped around school

(1) MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY WEEKEND: Timesharing begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

(2) SPRING BREAK: Spring Break timesharing begins at 6:00 p.m. on the day school releases for Spring Break and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at the end of Spring Break.

(3) EASTER SUNDAY: Timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m.; however, if Easter Sunday falls during Spring Break exercised by the other parent, Spring Break overrides this holiday unless the parents agree in writing to exercise timesharing for the day.

(4) MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Timesharing begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 6:00 p.m. Monday.

- (5) MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's Day shall be spent with the mother every year. In the event the holiday falls on a weekend scheduled to be spent with the other parent, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Mother's Day.
- (6) FATHER'S DAY: Father's Day shall be spent with the father every year. In the event the holiday falls on a weekend scheduled to be spent with the other parent, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Father's Day.
- (7) JULY FOURTH WEEKEND:
 - (a) If July 4th is on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, then timesharing begins on July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 a.m. on July 5th.
 - (b) If July 4th is on Friday, timesharing begins on July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on July 6th.
 - (c) If July 4th is on Saturday or Sunday, timesharing begins at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday before July 4th and ends at 8:30 a.m. the Monday after July 4th.
- (8) LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Timesharing begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 6:00 p.m. Monday.
- (9) HALLOWEEN/OCTOBER 31ST: If the holiday falls on a weekday, timesharing begins at 3:00 p.m. (or when school releases) and ends at 8:30 p.m. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.
- (10) THANKSGIVING: Timesharing begins on Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
- (11) WINTER BREAK: The first half of the winter timesharing period begins at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of school and ends (including all travel) at 8:30 p.m. December 24th. The second half of the winter timesharing period begins at 8:30 p.m. December 24th and ends at noon January 1st (including all travel). If school resumes significantly after the January 1st holiday, the parties are encouraged to negotiate an equitable allocation of the additional time.
- (12) MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY: The mother's birthday shall be spent with the mother every year. If the mother is not scheduled to have timesharing and the mother's birthday is on a weekday, then the timesharing hours shall begin at 3:00 p.m. or when school releases

and end at 8:30 p.m. If the mother's birthday is on a weekend scheduled with the other parent, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on the mother's birthday.

(13) FATHER'S BIRTHDAY: The father's birthday shall be spent with the father every year. If the father is not scheduled to have timesharing and the father's birthday is on a weekday, timesharing begins at 3:00 p.m. (or when school releases) and ends at 8:30 p.m. If the father's birthday is on a weekend scheduled with the other parent, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on the father's birthday.

(14) CHILD'S BIRTHDAY: The child's birthday shall be spent with the parent with Timesharing Block A in odd-numbered years and the other parent in even-numbered years. If the child's birthday falls on a weekday, timesharing shall be from 3:00 p.m. (or when school releases) and ends at 8:30 p.m. If the child's birthday falls on a weekend, timesharing begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on the child's birthday.

D. SUMMER TIMESHARING: (Check only one)

[] A. Traditional Summer Timesharing

1. Five (5) weeks during summer to start no sooner than seventy-two (72) hours following the last day of the school year and to end no later than seventy-two (72) hours before the first day of school.
2. Summer timesharing shall be exercised in a period of three (3) weeks and a period of two (2) weeks, not consecutive to each other. In the event that written notification is not given, summer timesharing shall be the last three (3) full weeks of June and the last two (2) full weeks of July.
3. The parent having Timesharing Block A shall have first choice of summer time-sharing and shall designate such choice in writing no later than April 1st of each year. This first choice of summer timesharing shall not interfere with the other parent's entitlement to the child's birthday or the Fourth of July holiday or the school calendar.
4. The parent with Timesharing Block B shall be entitled to (two) 2 uninterrupted weeks and shall inform the other parent of the selected times before April 15th of each year.

[] B. Reverse Summer Timesharing

1. Within seventy-two (72) hours following the last day of the school year, the parents shall reverse timesharing responsibilities subject to each parent's right to two (2) weeks of summer timesharing. The parent entitled to the Block A schedule shall begin the summer timesharing within seventy-two (72) hours of the last day of the school year. The reverse timesharing shall continue until seventy-two (72) hours prior to the beginning of school.
 2. Each parents' right to two (2) weeks of summer timesharing shall be exercised in no more than two (2) time periods of no less than five (5) days each.
 3. The parent entitled to Timesharing Block A shall have first choice of summer time-sharing and shall designate such choice in writing no later than April 1st of each year. This first choice of summer timesharing shall not interfere with the other parent's entitlement to the child's birthday or the Fourth of July holiday or the school calendar.
 4. The parent with Timesharing Block B shall inform the other parent of the selected days for summer timesharing before April 15th of each year.
2. Timesharing Block B shall consist of anytime not specifically designated to Timesharing Block A.
3. Sometimes holiday timesharing or summer timesharing may conflict with time set aside for the other parent. When this happens, the holiday timesharing or summer timesharing shall be observed and take priority over all other schedules. For example, if it is one parent's alternate weekend but the other's Memorial Day weekend the holiday weekend will take priority. In such case, the regular timesharing schedule continues without modification.

VII. TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE OF CHILDREN

1. Transportation:

The parent beginning timesharing shall provide transportation for the children.

2. Exchange:

Both parents shall have the children ready on time with sufficient clothing packed and ready at the agreed upon time of exchange. If a parent is more than thirty

(30) minutes late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements, the parent with the children may proceed with other plans and activities.

Exchanges shall be at Mother's and Father's homes unless both parents agree to a different meeting place or as ordered by the court.

3. Foreign and Out-Of-State Travel:

Either parent may travel with the children during his/her timesharing. The parent traveling with the children shall give the other parent at least thirty (30) days written notice before traveling unless there is an emergency, and shall provide the other parent with a detailed itinerary, including locations and telephone numbers where the children and parent can be reached at least fifteen (15) days before traveling.

VIII. SCHOOL AND CUSTODIAL DESIGNATION

1. School Designation:

For school and school district purposes, the Mother's Father's address shall be designated.

2. Custodian Designation:

The Mother Father is designated as the custodian of the children SOLELY for purposes of all other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody. **This designation does not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under this parenting plan.**

IX. COMMUNICATION

1. Between Parents:

All communications regarding the children shall be between the parents. The parents shall not use the children as messengers to convey information, ask questions or set up schedule changes. The parents may communicate with each other in person, by telephone, by letter, by text or by email.

2. Between Parent and Children:

Both parents shall keep contact information current. Telephone or other electronic communication shall not be monitored by or interrupted by the other parent.

“Electronic communication” includes telephones, electronic mail or e-mail, webcams, video-conferencing equipment and software or other wired or wireless technologies or other means of communication to supplement face-to face contact.

The children may have reasonable telephone, e-mail or other electronic communication with the other parent every day during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

X. CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS OF THE PARENTING PLAN

This Parenting Plan may be modified or varied on a *temporary* basis when both parents agree in *writing*. When the parents do not agree, the Parenting Plan remains in effect.

XI. RELOCATION

Any relocation of residence of the children requires compliance with the procedures set forth in Fla. Stat. Chapter 61.

XII. DISPUTES

Parents shall attempt to cooperatively resolve any disputes which may arise over the terms of the Parenting Plan. If such attempt fails, mediation or other dispute resolution methods will *not* be required prior to filing a court action.

XIII. OTHER PROVISIONS