

_____,
Mother,

PARENTING PLAN

and

Case No.

_____,
Father.

Proposed Parenting Plan for : Mother / Father (Please circle one)

INTRODUCTION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Wisconsin Law requires that a Parenting Plan be completed whenever there is a dispute regarding custody and placement of children.

The purpose of this document is to provide reasonable specific information to the court, the other parent, the respective attorneys and other professionals involved in your case (including, but not limited to a mediator, Family Court Social Worker and Guardian ad Litem) about what your ideas are for raising your child(ren) and how you intend to make them work.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE FILED WITH THE COURT AND WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT.

IF THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE OTHER PARENT'S PARENTING PLAN.

You may want to refer to the Family Court Handbook if you have questions regarding the terminology used in the questions. The Family Court Handbook is available at the Office of the Family Court Commissioner located on the Fifth Floor of the Courthouse.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What form of legal custody are you seeking?** Custody refers to the right to make major decisions regarding the child. If parents have **joint legal custody**, both parents share in making major decisions. If one parent has **sole legal custody**, then that parent can make major decisions without consulting the other parent. "Major decisions" include decisions regarding consent to marry, consent to enter the military service, consent to obtain a driver's license, authorization for non-emergency health care, and choice of school and

religion. The law presumes parents will have joint legal custody. If you are seeking sole legal custody, you must state why you believe joint legal custody is a bad idea.

2. What physical placement schedule are you seeking? Placement refers to the day to day residence of the children. The court wants to know when you think the children should be with you and when you think the children should be with the other parent. Please be specific and please address holidays and summer schedule.

3(a) Where do you propose that the child(ren) go to school?
(b) Is this a change from the current arrangement?
(c) How do you propose that the child(ren)'s educational expenses be financed?

(a)

(b)

(c)

4(a) Who will provide the necessary child care when you are unable to?
(b) Is this a change from the current arrangement?
(c) Who should pay for the child care?

(a)

(b)

(c)

5(a) What doctor or health care facility will provide medical care for the child(ren)?

(b) Is this a change from the current arrangement?

(a)

(b)

6. How will the child(ren)'s medical expenses be paid?

7. What will the child(ren)'s religious commitment be, if any? Please note the court will not and cannot favor one parent over the other on the basis of religion. The purpose of this question is to determine whether you and the child's other parent have any serious disagreement about religious issues. Please do not think that you have to make up a religious commitment or preference if you really do not have one.

8. Who will make the decisions about the child's education, medical care, choice of child care providers and extracurricular activities?

9(a) Will the child(ren) be allowed to contact the other parent when the child(ren) are with you?

(b) How will this contact occur?

(a)

(b)

10. How do you propose to resolve disagreements related to matters over which the court has ordered joint decision making?

11. What child support, family support, maintenance or other income transfer will there be?

12. Are there any other cases pending in Racine County or any other county regarding your child? If the answer is yes, please specify the nature of the action, the county where the action is pending and the case number if you know it.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The next few questions require very specific information about your address and your work-place. If you believe that you have been the victim of domestic abuse by the other parent or you have been the victim of interspousal battery by the other parent, you may substitute a general description of your residence and your work-place for the specific address. You must provide a statement regarding possible violence if you do not want to provide specific information here.

13. **Where do you live now?**

14. **Where do you intend to live for the next two years? If you are planning a move, please specify.**

15. **Where do you work and what are your days and hours of employment? If you anticipate any changes in the near future (shift or hours or employer) please elaborate.**

16. **If you have given general answers to questions 12, 13 and 14 above because you believe that you are the victim of domestic violence or you know that you have a domestic violence order or criminal court order that limits your ability to contact or see the child's other parent, please state how you propose that the child(ren) will be transferred between you and the other parent for any placement schedule the court orders. Include a statement on how your plan will be financed.**

This completes the Parenting Plan required by Wis. Stat. sec. 767.2491m) or 767.325(6m).

Submitted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Mother / Father

This document must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Racine County Family Court Counseling Service, Racine County Courthouse - 5th floor, 730 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine, WI 53403. Upon receipt of this document, the Family Court Counseling Service will deliver the original to the Clerk of Circuit Court to be filed in the Court File.