



Venango County Court of Common Pleas

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Parenting Plan

To aid the Court in resolving this custody dispute in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. §5331, the Court requires each party to submit a parenting plan for the care and custody of the child/children. This plan is to be submitted 10 days prior to the Mediation Process.

This parenting plan involves the following child/children:

Child's Name	Age	Where does this child live?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you have children not addressed by this parenting plan, list them here:

Child's Name	Age	Where does this child live?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The child's/children's residence should be with _____ at _____.

The child currently attends the following school: _____.
This child should continue to attend this school. _____ Yes _____ No
If no, the child should attend _____.

The child's religious involvement is as follows:

Child's primary care physician is _____ Phone Number is _____

This child should continue to be under the care of this physician. _____ Yes _____ No

If no, the child should be under the care of _____.

Describe which days and which times of the day the child/children will be with each person:

Weekday custody:

Monday: Father _____ Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. to _____ a.m./p.m.

Tuesday: Father _____ Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. to _____ a.m./p.m.

Wednesday: Father _____ Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. to _____ a.m./p.m.

Thursday: Father _____ Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. to _____ a.m./p.m.

Friday: Father _____ Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. to _____ a.m./p.m..

Weekend custody:

Father _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. Friday _____ Saturday _____ to _____ a.m./p.m.

Sunday _____ Monday _____.

Mother _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. Friday _____ Saturday _____ to _____ a.m./p.m.

Sunday _____ Monday _____.

Alternate every other weekend? Yes _____ No _____

Describe where and when the child/children will be dropped off and/or picked up (day and time of day)?

Drop-Off: Where and When _____

Pick-Up: Where and When _____

If one of you doesn't show up, how long will the other wait? _____

If there are any extraordinary costs (taxi, train, airplane, etc.), who will pay for which costs?

Holidays

Where will the child/children stay?

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	EVERY YEAR
Memorial Day	_____	_____	_____
Fourth of July	_____	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____	_____
Thanksgiving	_____	_____	_____
Christmas Eve/Day	_____	_____	_____
New Year's Eve/Day	_____	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____	_____

Mother's Day _____
Father's Day _____
Other _____
Other _____
Other _____

Summer Vacation Plans

Are there any plans related to special activities or school activities?

From time to time, one of you might want or need to rearrange the custody schedule due to work, family or other events. You can attempt to agree on these changes. If you cannot agree, the parent receiving the request will make the final decision.

The parent asking for the change will ask _____ in person _____ by letter/mail _____ by email _____ by phone. No later than _____ before the time for the requested change

The parent being asked for a change will reply _____ in person _____ by letter/mail _____ by email _____ by phone No later than _____ after the request

Other (Anything else you want to agree on):

SUBMITTED BY:

Signature: _____ Printed: _____

This Parenting Plan cannot be used as evidence in your child custody trial.

RULES THAT ARE APPLIED TO CUSTODY ORDER:

Certain rules of conduct apply to custody matters. These rules are binding on the parties. Breaching them could result in contempt of court or a modification of the custody order. In the event these general rules are different from any specific provision in the custody order, the order shall prevail

RULE 1. The parties shall always consider the best interests of the children and act accordingly.

RULE 2. The provisions in the custody order are to be considered minimum requirements. The parties are free to expand the provisions by mutual agreement. However, no party can increase or decrease periods of custody without agreement.

RULE 3. The parties shall permit reasonable telephone contact with the children when they are in that party's custody.

RULE 4. In the event of a serious illness or an accident requiring medical attention, the party having custody of the child shall immediately notify the other party and shall inform the other party as to the nature of the illness or injury. During such illness or injury either party shall have the right to visit the child as long as such visit does not interfere with the proper medical care of the child.

RULE 5. A party shall provide the other with an address and a phone number to that party's residence. In the event of a change in this information, the party shall notify the other within 72 hours. Further, a party shall provide an address and contact information in the event of an overnight stay at a location other than that party's residence.

RULE 6. Both parties shall have access to any school or medical records of the child.

RULE 7. Neither party should attempt to influence the children against the other party by making derogatory or uncomplimentary statements. The parties shall not argue or engage in heated discussions in the presence of the children.

RULE 8. Neither party shall question the children about the personal life of the other party, except to the extent necessary to insure the personal safety of the children. Children should not be used as spies; this is a harmful role for a child to fill.

RULE 9. If a party is unable to make a scheduled appointment, that party should give immediate notice to the other party to avoid subjecting the children to unnecessary travel and the failure of expectations.

RULE 10. If either party or a child has plans which interfere with the scheduled custody and wish to change such period of custody, the parties should make arrangements for an adjustment acceptable to everyone involved. Predetermined schedules may encounter complications, and both parties should be flexible for the sake of the children.

RULE 11. A party or the person responsible for transporting the children must refrain from the use of alcohol and illicit drugs and must possess a valid driver's license with current operating privileges. Any party who arrives to pick up the children and has used alcohol excessively, is intoxicated, or does not possess a valid driver's license automatically forfeits that custody period. Any party that returns the children under the same conditions automatically forfeits the next scheduled period of custody. Further, a party, while the child is in his or her presence,

shall refrain from imbibing alcoholic beverages in excess or using illicit drugs. Chronic violations of this rule may result in a modification or suspension of custody.

RULE 12. In the event of a proposed relocation, any party to this action shall comply with the provisions of 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 5337 relating to a change in residence.

RULE 13. The parties to this action should welcome their parenting duties, but may delegate these responsibilities to capable babysitters or others when attending normal social functions or in cases of emergencies and/or uncontrollable work schedules.

RULE 14. Child support is a separate issue from child custody. Under no circumstances should a parent refuse contact between a child and a parent on the basis of a child support issue. Failure to follow this directive may result in contempt proceedings.

RULE 15. Clothing and personal belongings a child arrives with at the beginning of a period of custody are to return with the child at the end of that period of custody.

RULE 16. If either party feels the other party has violated these rules or the custody order, that party may petition the court as set forth in Pa.R.C.P. 1915.12.