

COMMON CONSIDERATIONS FOR CO-PARENTING PLAN

I. Preamble

- A. Declaration of fitness of both parents
- B. Declaration of continuing need of children for frequent and continuing contact with both parents
- C. Declaration for joint legal custody

II. Residential Plan

A. Schedule

- 1. Weekdays and weekends
- 2. Religious holidays
- 3. Secular holidays
- 4. Birthdays, Adoption Days, other special events
- 5. Vacations (away with parent, school vacation time coverage)
- 6. Summer
- 7. Provisions for temporary variations
- 8. Effects of illness on residential schedule

B. Transportation

C. Telephone contact

III. Major Parenting Decisions

A. Education and camp

- 1. Daycare
- 2. Private or public school
- 3. Extracurricular activities during school year
- 4. Parental contact with schools and camps

B. Health Care

- 1. Selection of health care professionals (medical, dental, emotional)
- 2. Scheduling of appointments, accompanying to appointments
- 3. Communication of medical information
- 4. Major medical decisions

C. Religious/Spiritual training

- 1. Attendance at religious services
- 2. Participation in religious classes or training

IV. Allocation of costs exclusive of regularly paid support

- A. Sports, lessons, vacation and summer camps, other

V. Communication

- A. Regular exchange of information regarding children

VI. Dispute Resolution

- A. Mediation – selection of mediator
- B. Arbitrator or Parenting Coordinator

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