

Proposed Parenting Plan

Parent's Full Name: _____

17th Circuit Court Case Number: _____

Attorney's Name (If represented by an attorney): _____

Child(ren)'s name(s) _____

Refer to the parenting plan instructions before completing this parenting plan. This document is to assist you in developing a proposed parenting plan that is in the best interest of your child(ren). Developing a mutual parenting plan allows you to maintain parental decision-making. (If you and the other parent agree to a parenting plan, **and the court finds the plan to be in the child's best interest of your child**, the court will enter that plan as a court order.) If you do not agree, the parenting plan will be used by the court to help you and the other parent reach an agreement.

Section 1: Values and Goals

Mark "yes" or "no" after each of the following 15 statements. If you answer "yes", you are stating that you will do what the statement says for the benefit of your child(ren).

1. I will find constructive ways to handle my disagreements with the other parent regarding our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
2. I will cooperate with the other parent regarding issues involving our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
3. I will avoid displaying conflict with the other parent in the presence of our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
4. I will make an effort to maintain our child(ren)'s routines, including but not limited to, contact with the other parent, friends, and family; participation in school; and extra-curricular activities. Yes _____ No _____.
5. I will make every effort to make sure our child(ren) have a relationship with the other parent. Yes _____ No _____.
6. I will tell our child(ren) that it is important that they have a relationship with both me and the other parent. Yes _____ No _____.
7. I will contribute my unique characteristics to the raising of our child(ren), and I will encourage the other parent to do the same. Yes _____ No _____.

8. I will make every effort to have effective parental communication about our child(ren) with the other parent. Yes _____ No _____.
9. I will share family history and traditions with our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
10. I will share compliments and positive memories about the other parent with our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
11. I will consider the following when making a proposed parenting plan: Each child's age; temperament; attachment to each parent, special needs; relationship with siblings and friends; and both parents' work schedules. Yes _____ No _____.
12. I will cooperate with the other parent to make sure our child(ren) performs well in school. Yes _____ No _____.
13. Before I make a critical life decision, I will consider the impact my decision has on our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.
14. I will share the authority and responsibilities of our child(ren) with the other parent. Yes _____ No _____.
15. When completing the parenting plan, I will make the primary objective the best interest of our child(ren). Yes _____ No _____.

Section 2: Spending Time with the Children

Specify the times you want to spend with your child(ren) and the times you want the other parent to spend with your child(ren). For assistance, you may want to review the parenting-time guidelines available at your local friend of the court. These guidelines provide suggestions and guidance but are not intended to replace your own judgment.

Weekly Parenting Time

Weekly parenting time is defined as time spent with a parent beginning Monday morning at 8 a.m. and ending Friday evening at 6 p.m.

Each parent's weekly parenting time should be:

Weekend Parenting Time

Weekend parenting time is defined as time spent with a parent beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday evening.

Each parent's weekend parenting time should be:

Holiday Parenting Time

The following are recognized holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Easter. Specify any other holiday that you observe:

Holiday parenting time is defined as time spent with a parent on the day of the holiday.

Each parent's holiday parenting time should be:

School Vacation Parenting Time

School vacation parenting time is defined as any time there is planned time off from school other than weekends, such as: Christmas break, winter break, conference breaks, teacher conference days, spring break, Easter break, and summer break. School vacation parenting time begins the day school recesses and ends the day before school is scheduled to resume.

Each parent’s school vacation parenting time should be:

Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Parenting Time

Please indicate any reason why your child(ren) should **not** be with the mother on Mother’s day and with the father on Father’s day:

Section 3: Resolving Potential Disputes:

Select one of the following preferred methods for resolving potential disputes. If you are not represented by an attorney, you may contact the Legal Assistance Center for help in selecting a method.

- Friend of the Court Mediation.
- MCR 3.216 Mediation.
- Friend of the Court Joint Meeting.
- Community Dispute Resolution Mediation.
- Other (specify):_____.

Section 4: Safety Planning

Complete this section if you are concerned about your safety and/or the safety of your children.

Parenting-Time and Supervisors

- I request that the other parent shall have no contact with the child(ren) unless and until ordered by the court.
- I request that the following individual(s) be physically present at all times when the other parent has supervised parenting time: _____
_____.
- I request that the court select a parenting-time supervisor to be present at all times when the other parent has supervised parenting time.

Child Safety

I request the following child safety requirements for the other parent:

- There will be no firearms in the other parent's home or car or near the child(ren) during parenting time.
- The other parent will not physically discipline the child(ren).
- The following person(s) present a danger to the children and will not be present during parenting time _____.
- The other parent will not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during any period of time that he or she is with the children.
- Other child safety requests (specify):

_____.

Location

I request that the other parent's time with the child(ren) be held at the following location(s):

- A supervised center.
- Other location (specify): _____.

Exchange Point

I request that the exchange of our child(ren) will occur at the following site(s):

Exchange Persons

I request that the following person(s) be at the exchange point:

I request that the following person(s) not be at the exchange point:

Transportation

I request that the following person(s) will be responsible for transporting the child(ren) to the exchange point:

Other

To ensure my safety and/or the safety of my children, I request that the court order the following as part of our parenting plan:

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____