

FACTORS
Michigan Child Custody Act
MCL 722.23 sec. 3
"Best Interest of the child, definition"

- A. The love, affection and other emotional ties existing between the parties involved and the child.
- B. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to give the child love, affection and guidance and the continuation of the educating and raising of the child in its religion or creed, if any.
- C. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to provide the child with food, clothing, medical care and other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of medical care, and other material needs.
- D. The length of time the child has lived in a stable satisfactory environment, and the desirability of maintaining continuity.
- E. The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home or homes.
- F. The moral fitness of the parties involved.
- G. The mental and physical health of the parties involved.
- H. The home, school and community record of the child.
- I. The reasonable preference of the child, if the court deems the child to be of sufficient age to express preference.
- J. The willingness and ability of each of the parents to facilitate and encourage a close and continuing parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent.
- K. Domestic violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed against, or witnessed, by the child.
- L. Any other factor considered by the court to be of relevance to a particular child custody dispute.