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**P A R E N T I N G    P L A N    C H E C K L I S T**

**1. RESIDENCE**

**A) CHILD(REN)**

Sole/ Primary Parenting  
Joint/Co-Parenting

**B) PARENT: Relocation**

Discussion RE: relocation possibility e.g. radius range,  
Adjustments in event of relocation by either parent e.g. travel arrangements

**2. MAKING DECISIONS**

**A) DAILY Decisions**

Sole Decision-Making Authority  
Joint Decision Making Authority  
Always consult with other parent  
Option to consult with other parent  
Divide responsibility based upon each parent's strengths and weaknesses

**B) MAJOR Decisions**

Sole Decision-Making Authority  
Joint Decision Making Authority  
Always consult with other parent  
Option to consult with other parent  
Divide responsibility based upon each parent's strengths and weaknesses

**3. SHARING INFORMATION**

**A) INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD(REN)**

1) Both parents are entitled to important information about their child(ren), including current address and phone , and including but not limited to:  
Medical and Psychological Records  
School Records  
Government Agency Records  
Law enforcement records

2) Both parents will immediately notify each other in case of any emergency circumstance or substantial changes in their child(ren)'s physical and/or emotional health.

3) If either parent takes the child(ren) from their usual place of residence, they ideally will provide beforehand an emergency contact phone number, or at least within 24 hours.

**B) PARENTAL INFORMATION**

Each parent shall inform the other first, before informing the child(ren) RE: any change(s) in that parent's health or job situation or residential relocation. A new romantic partner may be introduced after a period of time & seems long term.

**C) PARENT-CHILD COMMUNICATION**

1) Both parents and child(ren) have the right to communicate by phone, in writing, or by email during reasonable hours without interference or monitoring by the other parent.

2) Parents will not say anything or knowingly allow others to say things in their child(ren)'s presence that would take away love and/or respect for the other parent.

**4. SCHOOL / EDUCATION**

Choosing Schools/Childcare  
Attending Teacher's Conferences  
Extracurricular Activities  
Weekday  
Weekend

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**5. PARENTING SCHEDULE**

**A) SCHOOL:** School evenings  
Non-school midweek  
School half-days

**B) NON-SCHOOL:** Weekends  
Three-day weekends  
School Breaks: Winter Break Midwinter Break Spring Break Summer Vacation

**C) HOLIDAYS:**  
New Year's Eve; New Year's Day; MLKing Day; Presidents' Day; Easter/Passover; Mother's Day; Memorial Day;  
Father's Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Thanksgiving; Xmas Eve; Xmas Day.

**D) SPECIAL OCCASIONS**  
Family Birthdays

**E) TRAVEL**  
Etiquette of visits e.g. Be on time; Sufficient clothing packed/ and returned.

**F) CHANGES TO SCHEDULE**  
1) Makeup and Missed Parenting time: Due only to substantial medical reasons, or other reasons.  
2) Temporary Changes: In advance, Verbally. In writing.  
3) Permanent Changes: In advance, Verbally. In writing.

**6. HEALTHCARE**

Medical/Dental Care Expenses  
Selection of Practitioners  
Appointments  
Therapy/Counseling  
Special Evaluations

**7. RELIGION**

Religious Education  
Religious Practice  
Holidays

**8. EXTENDED FAMILY: RELATIONSHIPS & VISITS**

Grandparents  
Other Family Members  
Significant Others  
New Relationships  
Step Parents  
New Siblings

**9. GUARDIANSHIP**

In the event of death of both parents

**10. PLAN ADJUSTMENTS**

- A) On the anniversary of the signing, the Parenting Plan will be reviewed by the parents to assess if readjustment, esp in scheduling, need to be made.
- B) Disagreements. . If parents can not reach agreement on an issue requiring consensus, or dispute an interpretation of a agreement or any other dispute re: agreement (including default), they agree to return to the collaborative divorce process, i.e. seek advice from their coach, and/or their lawyers, as first steps before seeking legal action.

