

PARENTING PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

With the help of Ellie and Kerry, you and the other parent will create a plan to co-parent your child(ren). The plan should:

- b) Provide for the physical care of your children.
- c) Provide for your children's changing needs as they grow and mature.
- d) Set forth your authority and responsibilities with respect to your children.
- e) Help you avoid expensive future Court battles over your children.

Parents often address these issues parenting plans:

- Where the parents will live
- What the residential schedule will be for the child(ren)
 - This includes when and where the child will reside including but not limited to holidays, school vacations, parent's vacations, birthdays, and other special days; sharing information regarding the child between co-parents; care of children by others, etc.
- Exchange of information when changes occur
- What will happen when a parent moves
 - Spell out what occurs when there is a change of residence that may affect the child's contact with the other parent.
- Parental access to information regarding the child
 - Including, but not limited to, school records, counseling records and medical records.
- Steps for resolving potential future disputes
- Child support
 - Amount to be paid calculated according to guidelines
- Medical insurance
 - How health insurance and medical expenses will be paid.
- Review of parenting plan
 - How the plan will be changed in the future

The parenting plan is an integral part of the decree of dissolution of the marriage and is enforceable as an order of the court.