

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**PETITIONER'S NAME,
Petitioner,**

v.

D-202-DM-

**RESPONDENT'S NAME,
Respondent.**

PARENTING PLAN

Pursuant to the Court Clinic Referral Order filed on [DATE], the parties attended mediation on [DATE] and agreed to this Parenting Plan. As the parents of [name(s) of child(ren), age(s)] we agree that this Parenting Plan is in the best interests of our child(ren). This Parenting Plan will begin on [Date] and remain in effect until further order of the Court. The terms and conditions of all prior orders not expressly modified by this Parenting Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

LEGAL CUSTODY

We agree to share Joint Legal Custody of [name(s) of child(ren)]. Neither one of us will unilaterally make a major change affecting [name(s) of child(ren)] in the areas of religion, residence, medical, dental care, counseling services, child care, education, or recreational activities. We will agree before making any change to the above areas. If there is a disagreement, we will attempt to resolve the issue by the method(s) detailed in the Dispute Resolution Section below. Until there is an agreement, NO change will be made.

STATUS QUO

The present status quo is:

- a. **Residence:** Albuquerque, New Mexico
- b. **Medical Provider:**
- c. **Dentist:**
- e. **Counselor:**
- f. **Daycare:**
- g. **Education:**
- h. **Religion/Church:**
- j. **Extracurricular Activities:**

PERIODS OF RESPONSIBILITY

As the parents, we agree to work together, cooperate with each other and respect requests for changes to the regular timesharing schedule. We agree to be flexible when changing the schedule and will consider [name(s) of child(ren)'s] needs first. We agree that [name(s) of child(ren)'s] educational and developmental needs will change over time. We agree to make future Parenting Plan adjustments keeping [name(s) of child(ren)'s] best interests in mind.

1. Regular Timesharing:

a.

2. Exchanges for regular timesharing: We agree that exchanges will _____.

3. Holidays: Holidays and special days take precedence over the regular timesharing schedule. We agree that any holidays or special days not specified in this plan will follow the regular timesharing schedule unless we agree otherwise. We agree to be flexible to ensure that [name(s) of child(ren)] enjoy(s) the holiday time.

a. **New Year's Eve/New Year's Day:**

b. **Easter:**

c. **Mother's Day:**

d. **Spring Break (if applicable):**

e. **Memorial Day Weekend:**

f. **Father's Day:**

g. **July 4th:**

h. **Labor Day Weekend:**

i. **Fall Break (if applicable):**

j. **Halloween:**

k. **Thanksgiving:**

l. **Winter Break (if applicable):**

m. **Christmas:**

4. Vacation Time:

5. **Telephone Contact:** We agree that [name(s) of child(ren)] will have open and flexible contact with each parent. We agree that neither parent shall prevent [name(s) of child(ren)] from contacting the other parent.
6. **Travel within the United States:** We agree that neither of us will remove, cause to be removed, or permit removal of [name(s) of child(ren)] from the State of New Mexico, except for temporary visits (both routine and vacation), which do not interfere with the time-sharing schedule, without the written consent of the other parent, or resolution of the dispute.
 - a. **Itinerary:** All travel plans will include the following in an itinerary: the destination, dates and times for departure and return, the mode of transportation, and a telephone number where [name(s) of child(ren)] may be reached.
7. **Communication:** We agree to communicate with each other by (select all that apply) electronic mail, text, telephone, Our Family Wizard, other (define). We agree to communicate as needed about issues related to [name(s) of child(ren)]. We agree that each of us is ultimately responsible for staying informed about [name(s) of child(ren)'s] school functions, parent-teacher meetings, and recreational activities, but we agree to share information as we obtain it. In the event either parent has an urgent issue, we agree to communicate by telephone and indicate the urgency of the call. The other parent agrees to respond within ____ (define timeframe).
8. **Emergencies:** We agree that in the case of a medical emergency we will contact the other parent concerning treatment of [name(s) of child(ren)] as soon as possible. If the other parent cannot be reached, any decision for emergency medical treatment will be made in the best interest of our [name(s) of child(ren)] by the available parent.
9. **School Involvement:** We agree that both parents will be involved in [name(s) of child(ren)'s] academic development by participating in parent/teacher conferences, field trips, after school activities and homework. We also agree to exchange information whenever possible, however, we acknowledge that each of us is ultimately responsible for obtaining information about [name(s) of child(ren)'s]

progress on a routine basis. We agree that both parents will have access to school records, teachers, and activities.

10. **Changes:** We agree that we may make changes to this Parenting Plan if there is mutual agreement. If the change is for one time, this can be agreed to verbally or by text/email. If the change is long-term, then we agree to put the new agreement in writing and sign it and file with the Court.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If either of us wishes to modify the current Parenting Plan, we agree to take the following steps:

1. **Verbal Proposal:** We agree to speak with each other first before any change is made. We agree that we will respond to each other no later than ____ (define timeframe) from the date and time the request was made. If no agreement is reached, we will proceed to the next step below.
2. **Written Proposal:** The parent requesting the change will give the other parent a proposal in writing, including reasons for the requested change and will provide information so that the other parent is able to review the request. The parent who receives the proposal will review and consider the proposed change and will respond within five (5) days in writing. If the parent does not agree with the proposed change, that parent will respond in writing and explain why and submit a counter proposal if possible. If no agreement is reached, we will proceed to the next step below.
3. **Mediation:** We agree to participate in mediation through either the Court Clinic or a provider in the community. We understand that a new Court Clinic Referral Order is needed to return to the Court Clinic if the Court Clinic case is closed.

If the above dispute resolution steps are not successful, we understand that either of us may bring the matter to the Court's attention.

CO-PARENTING

Agreements for Co-Parenting

1. We understand that co-parenting effectively is in the best interests of [name(s) of child(ren)].

2. We understand that our parental conflict has a debilitating effect on the overall development and in particular, the psychological health, of [name(s) of child(ren)].
3. We agree to work to make our co-parenting relationship effective and strong. We will consider co-parenting classes, co-parenting counseling and/or our own individual counseling if needed to improve our co-parenting.
4. We agree to be actively involved in [name(s) of child(ren)'s] life/lives.
5. We agree to communicate and be flexible about [name(s) of child(ren)'s] needs, especially as those needs change due to growth and development.
6. We agree to be supportive of [name(s) of child(ren)'s] relationship with the other parent and be positive about that relationship.
7. We agree to give permission to [name(s) of child(ren)] to enjoy the relationship with the other parent.
8. We agree that we shall not interfere with the other parent's relationship with [name(s) of child(ren)].
9. We agree that we will not align [name(s) of child(ren)] against the other parent or the other parent's significant other and family.
10. We agree to openly discuss any relationship that may be having a negative impact/influence on [name(s) of child(ren)].
11. We agree to be respectful and civil with each other, significant others and relatives when we attend [name(s) of child(ren)'s] school events, sports and other activities.

Parenting Plan prepared by:

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