

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,  
and

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

**SHARED PARENTING PLAN**

**PART A - SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS & DECISION MAKING  
PART B - TIMESHARING PLAN & TIMESHARING RELATED ISSUES**

Effective Date: This Shared Parenting Plan is effective as of the date the last party signs this Shared Parenting Plan or immediately upon the Court's signature.

Source Of Parenting Plan: This parenting plan is: (Choose one)

- A shared parenting plan agreed upon by the parties.  
 A proposed shared parenting plan submitted by  Father  Mother.  
 A shared parenting plan established by the court.

Type Of Parenting Plan: This parenting plan is: (Choose one)

- A temporary parenting plan.  
 A final parenting plan.  
 A modification of a prior final parenting plan or prior final order.

Parents: The parents subject to this Shared Parenting Plan are:

\_\_\_\_\_, herein called "Father"; and

\_\_\_\_\_, herein called "Mother."

Children: The children\* subject to this Shared Parenting Plan are:

\_\_\_\_\_, dob: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_, dob: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_, dob: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_, dob: \_\_\_\_\_.

\* The words "children" and "child" are used interchangeably herein.

**PART A**  
**SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS, & DECISION MAKING**

**A.1. JURISDICTION:** The United States of America is the country of habitual residence of the children. The State of Florida maintains the most significant contacts with the children and is the most appropriate forum for addressing parenting contact and timesharing. The State of Florida is the children's home state for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction And Enforcement Act. This Shared Parenting Plan is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction And Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980.

This Parenting Plan shall be submitted to the Circuit Court in and for Okaloosa or Walton County, Florida. Both parties acknowledge that such court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the issues addressed in this Shared Parenting Plan.

The only persons with parenting and timesharing rights with respect to the subject children are the Mother and Father as described herein. The courts of the State of Florida shall retain sole and exclusive jurisdiction in regards to all matters set forth herein for so long as either parent or the children continue to reside in the State of Florida or until such time as the courts of the State of Florida explicitly relinquish jurisdiction.

**A.2. SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The Father and Mother shall share parental responsibility of their minor children and shall retain full parental rights and responsibilities with respect to their minor children as set forth in this Shared Parenting Plan.

**A.3. DECISION MAKING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Each party shall follow the below identified parenting decision making provisions in order:

A.3.1. **General Principles:** Each party shall confer with the other pertaining to all major decisions affecting the welfare of their minor children. Such major decisions affecting the welfare of their minor children include, but are not limited to, education decisions, medical and dental care decisions, extra-curricular activity decisions, religious training decisions, and discipline of the minor children. The parties shall make good faith efforts to jointly make such decisions in the best interests of the minor children.

A.3.2. **Resolution Of Parental Decision Disputes:** In the event that the parties do not agree on a parental decision after conferring with one another as required by paragraph A.3.1 above, then the parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve such disputes by utilizing third party resources such as counselors, mediators, parenting coordinators, or other third parties agreed upon by Mother and Father.

**A.3.3. Ultimate Parental Decision Making Authority Allocation:** In the event the parties do not agree on a parental decision after (and only after) utilizing third party resources as required by paragraph A.3.2. above, then the ultimate decision making authority for

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|   | shall be made by |                                 |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic/educational needs of children   |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare/After-school care                |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/Health related needs of children |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra-curricular needs of children       |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ needs of children                  |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father |
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**A.3.4 Court Authority:** The major decisions affecting the welfare of the minor children shall be made as provided in paragraphs A.3.1 - A.3.3 above, unless such decision is overridden by the Court approving this Shared Parenting Plan or successor court having complete subject matter jurisdiction in accordance with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction And Enforcement Act. The Court approving this Plan shall retain jurisdiction to enter whatever orders which may be required to implement the provisions of this Plan.

**A.4. DAILY TASK RESPONSIBILITY:** Each parent shall be responsible for the daily tasks associated with raising the children while the children are actually with that parent. The daily tasks include, but are not limited to, the following:

Obtaining emergency medical or dental treatment
Ensuring that a child takes all prescribed medicines when required
Taking child to day care
Retrieving child from day care
Checking child's school work at the end of each school day

Doing required homework with child or ensuring that such is completed
Ensuring that the child brings all homework/assignments to school each day or as required
Taking child to lessons or sports activities
Retrieving child from lessons or sports activities
Waking child up in morning
Ensuring that a child is bathed or showered before school
Ensuring that the child has a proper and nutritious breakfast and takes vitamins (as agreed upon by the parents)
Making lunch or lunch arrangements with proper nutrition standards
Preparing and ensuring that the child has a nutritious supper
Getting a child to school or bus stop
Communicating with child's teachers
Retrieving child from school
Reading to younger children
Making sure child brushes teeth before bed and in the morning
Making sure child is properly clothed
Ensuring child attends school
Other:
Other:

**A.5. SCHOOL DESIGNATION:** For purposes of school boundary determination, registration, and enrollment, the  Mother's  Father's address shall control.

**A.6. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS:** The parents shall communicate with each other concerning the children by (Choose all that apply):

- in person
- by telephone
- by letter
- by e-mail

- ] by text message
- ] by telephone/in person which communication shall be electronically recorded
- ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**A.7. OTHER SHARED PARENTING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A.7.1. Address and Telephone Numbers: Each parent has the right to know the address and telephone number of the other parent at all times. Each parent shall keep the other informed at all times as to his or her current telephone number and residence address and the telephone number and residence address of the children;

A.7.2. Trip Itineraries: Each parent has the right to know where the children are at all times. Should either parent plan on having the children away from his or her normal residence for a period of more than 24 hours (e.g. for a trip or vacation) then such parent shall provide the other with an itinerary of where the children will be staying, providing addresses and telephone numbers 72 hours in advance. Even if the children are not with a parent on a trip, the parent on a trip should provide the other parent with an itinerary and a means to contact the traveling parent in the event a situation should arise involving the children which requires the parent with the children to contact the other parent.

A.7.3. Records: The transfer of information regarding the children's lives is a mutual obligation. Each parent has the right to complete access to all of the children's school, medical, and dental records. If not otherwise provided directly by a child's school, each parent shall immediately provide to the other parent all of each child's academic report cards and progress reports. By signing this agreement, each parent consents to any of the said child's record holders to directly release to the other parent copies of such records. Neither parent shall in any way obstruct or hinder the other parent's right and ability to seek and obtain information pertaining to the children. Except as stated above, each parent shall be responsible for obtaining their own copies of records and reports from the school and medical facilities. Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the children. Both parents have equal and independent rights to confer with the children's school, daycare, health care providers, and other programs with regard to the children's educational, emotional, and social progress. Both parents shall be listed as "emergency contacts" for the children.

A.7.4. Medical Condition: Each parent has the right to be immediately informed of any significant illness or significant injury sustained by the children. "Significant" is hereby defined as any such condition which would require the children to miss school or be taken to a health care provider. Each party shall notify the other promptly of any significant illness or injury affecting the minor children.

A.7.5. Religious, School, and Extracurricular Activities: Consistent with section A.4. above, the children have the right to participate in regularly scheduled religious, school, and other extracurricular activities appropriate for his/her age and talent. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: T-Ball, Baseball, Soccer,

Football, Basketball, Gymnastics, Ballet, Band, Modeling, Scouting, and Music Lessons.

Each parent has the right to be informed as to the schedule of such activities in which the children are involved and both shall be entitled to attend such activities. Both parents shall make good faith efforts to get the children to such activities on time and in appropriate attire. If not attending such activity, the parent who drops the children off for such activity has the duty to ensure that the children are picked up from such activity. Other than such regularly scheduled activities, neither parent shall make any commitments for the children during a time when the children would be with the other parent without first reaching an agreement with the other parent about such commitment.

Each parent has the right to participate in and attend the child's religious activities, school activities including, but not limited to, school lunches, sports events, and other activities and important school and social events in which the children participate. A school's policy or specific court order may supercede a parent's right to attend certain activities.

**A.7.6. Timesharing And Support Are Mutually Exclusive:** When a parent fails to pay any ordered support to the other parent, the payee parent shall not refuse to honor the payor's timesharing and parenting rights as established by this Shared Parenting Plan. In addition, when a parent refuses to honor the other parent's timesharing and parenting rights as established by this Shared Parenting Plan, the payor parent shall not fail to pay any ordered support to the payee parent.

**A.7.7. Positive Relationship:** Each parent shall make diligent efforts to maintain full access and to foster and encourage a positive relationship between the children and the other parent. Each party has an obligation to always refrain from making unflattering and derogatory remarks to, or regarding, the other parent in the presence of the children.

**A.7.8. Respect Differences:** Each parent has a duty to respect the difference in parenting views that may exist between the parents. The parents shall recognize the fact that having different views does not mean that either individual is a bad or inadequate parent.

**A.7.9. Counseling:** Each party has an obligation to work with the other to establish a relationship which would enable them to become better parents and enable them to create an environment for the children free of conflict. This obligation may include a consideration of post-divorce counseling.

**A.7.10. Courteous To Each Other:** The parties shall be courteous to each other - especially in the presence of the children.

**A.7.11. Foster Love:** Each parent is under an affirmative duty to foster the love and affection of the children for the other parent. Neither parent shall allow third parties to do or say anything to, or in the presence of, the children that will interfere with

the love and affection of the children for the other parent.

A.7.12. Homework: Each parent has the obligation to ensure that a child regularly attends school and completes all assigned homework when a child is with him or her and to ensure that the child is prepared for the next school day.

A.7.13. Clothing: Each parent has the obligation to ensure that each child is properly clothed and has adequate clean clothing for any scheduled timesharing with the other parent. Each parent shall return to the other parent all such clothing (properly laundered) at the end of timesharing.

A.7.14. Car Seats/Seat Belts. Each party has the obligation to ensure that a child uses a car seat or seat belts appropriate for the child's age and weight at all times when being transported in an automobile or other motor vehicle.

A.7.15. Timesharing: Each parent has an affirmative obligation to ensure timesharing between the children and the other parent. There might come a time when, for one reason or another, the children exhibit some level of reluctance about participating in timesharing. Nevertheless, a parent has a duty to explain that the other parent loves the children and has a right, need and desire to timesharing. Further, each parent must make every effort to ensure that the children are ready and available for scheduled timesharing;

A.7.16. Contact Designation: Each parent shall ensure that the other parent is listed as a contact person on all day care and school records.

A.7.17. Photographs: Each parent shall at the time they are made available provide the other parent with an opportunity to obtain copies of all school photographs, athletic, activity, or studio portraits taken of the children. Each parent shall allow the children to keep a photograph of the other parent in each child's bedroom.

A.7.18. Child Support: A parent paying child support has a duty to remain current on all child support obligations.

A.7.19. Relationship Status With Children: Each parent has a duty to communicate directly with the children concerning his or her relationship with the children to the extent warranted by the age and maturity of the children.

**A.8. EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH**: Each parent shall refrain from the conduct set forth in this paragraph (A.8.1. - A.8.12). Engaging in such is evidence of bad faith non-compliance with the spirit and intent of the principles of "Shared Parental Responsibility" and may result in the imposition of sanctions by the Court:

A.8.1. Having the children deliver money or messages from one parent to the other and thus placing the children in the middle;

A.8.2. Asking the children to keep a secret from the other parent;

A.8.3. Interrogating or quizzing the children about what is going on at the other parent's home;

A.8.4. Saying unkind things about the other parent to the children or in the presence of the children or permitting others to do so;

A.8.5. Trying to conduct parental business when exchanging the children for timesharing;

A.8.6. Putting on a long, sad face when the children go from one parent to the other;

A.8.7. Telling a child who wants a new toy or wants to do something that it costs money and then telling the child, "ask your father because he does not pay me enough support", or "ask your mother because I give her lots of child support and she just wastes it";

A.8.8. Asking the children directly or subtly, "Which of us do you really want to be with?";

A.8.9. Allowing the children to take control of timesharing whenever the children want to do so;

A.8.10. Having the children refer to a future or present step-parent as "mother", "father", "mom" or "dad";

A.8.11. Eavesdropping on or interrupting the children's telephone conversation with the other parent;

A.8.12. Using, or permitting the use, as the children's last name, anything other than the children's legal name.

