

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CIVIL DIVISION**

_____ Petitioner,)	
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_____ Respondent.)	
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PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN BY PETITIONER/RESPONDENT

I, _____, the Petitioner/Respondent (circle one) having made a good faith effort, but having been unsuccessful in my attempts to reach an agreement with the other parent of my child(ren) propose the following parenting plan to the Court.

A. ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES: The significant decision-making responsibilities and parenting time set forth below shall apply to the following minor child(ren) of the parties:

(Initials of child(ren) and year of birth)

SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES:

(As defined in Section I Below) - Check Appropriate Boxes

	Mother Responsible	Father Responsible	Both Parents Responsible
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extracurricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PARENTING TIME
(As defined in Section I Below)

Parenting time shall be in accordance with one of the following schedules:

[] WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

With Mother	With Father	Time frame	Transportation
Monday:			
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:			
Thursday			
Friday:			
Saturday:			
Sunday:			

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[] EVERY OTHER WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

- a. Mother / Father shall have parenting time every other weekend, beginning on the following date, _____, from Friday / Saturday at _____ AM / PM until Saturday / Sunday / Monday at _____ AM / PM.
- b. Mother / Father shall provide transportation at the beginning of the parenting time and Mother / Father will provide transportation at the end of the parenting time.
- c. Pick up and drop off:

Location of the exchange of child(ren) at the beginning of the parenting time:

Location of the exchange of child(ren) at the end of the parenting time:

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[] LONG-DISTANCE PARENTING TIME:

a. Mother / Father shall have parenting time as follows:

b. Transportation:

1. At the beginning of the parenting times:

- i. Mother / Father shall arrange for and provide transportation for the child(ren)
- ii. Mother / Father will be responsible for any costs associated with child(ren)'s transportation, or parents will share the costs as follows: _____

2. At the end of the parenting times:

- i. Mother / Father shall arrange for and provide transportation for the child(ren)
- ii. Mother / Father will be responsible for any costs associated with child(ren)'s transportation, or parents will share the costs as follows: _____

c. Child(ren) shall have the following electronic/telephone communication with the long-distance parent as follows:

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[] OTHER:

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS: Each parent shall ensure that whenever the child(ren) are being transported in a vehicle, the driver of that vehicle has a valid driver's license and insurance and that the children are secured in proper car seats or seatbelts as required by Illinois law.

2. CHANGES TO PARENTING TIME OR ALLOCATION OF SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. [] If either parent wishes to make changes in the parenting time or significant decision-making responsibilities set forth above, parents will attempt to make such changes through mutual discussion. If parents cannot agree on changes, the parents will seek the assistance of a neutral third party, such as a professional counselor or trained mediator. **Parents will return to court only as a last resort.**

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- b. Mother / Father has been allocated all significant decision-making authority. Accordingly, Mother / Father shall have sole decision-making authority.

3. DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN:

- a. For purposes of all state and federal statutes that require a designation or determination of custody or custodian:
 Because Mother / Father has the majority of the parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above, Mother / Father is designated as the custodian.
 Parents have equal parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above.
- b. The above designation of custodian shall not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities set forth under this parenting plan in any way.

4. RESTRICTION OF PARENTING TIME:

Parents agree to the following restriction of parenting time:

Length of restriction:

Not applicable

- B. **HOLIDAYS:** Parents will observe one of the holiday schedules set forth below. The holiday schedule shall supersede the regular schedule.

HOLIDAY	MOTHER	FATHER	TIMES
New Year's Eve			
New Year's Day			
Easter			
Memorial Day			
July 4 th			
Labor Day			
Halloween			
Thanksgiving			
Christmas Eve			
Christmas Day			

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Holiday schedule by mutual agreement. Both parents shall be able to spend time with the child(ren) on the holidays and parents will mutually agree to specific arrangements as each holiday approaches.

C. **SCHOOL BREAKS:**

Parents will keep the regular parenting schedule set forth in Section A.

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WINTER BREAK:

Time child(ren) will be with Mother: _____

Time child(ren) will be with Father: _____

SPRING BREAK:

Time child(ren) will be with Mother: _____

Time child(ren) will be with Father: _____

SUMMER BREAK:

Time child(ren) will be with Mother: _____

Time child(ren) will be with Father: _____

D. **VACATIONS:**

Mother / Father shall have the following restrictions regarding vacation travel:

Each parent shall be allowed to take the child(ren) on vacation for _____ consecutive / Non-consecutive weeks each year.

1. The traveling parent shall give the other parent at least _____ notice of travel.
2. The traveling parent shall provide the other parent with a written itinerary of travel prior to traveling. Such itinerary shall include at a minimum, dates of travel, travel destination(s), flight numbers and times, and contact addresses and phone numbers while traveling.

E. **COMMUNICATION:**

1. Communication between the parents regarding the care and well-being of the minor child(ren) shall take place via _____.
2. During Mother's parenting time, Father shall be able to communicate with the child(ren) via _____ at the following times: _____.
3. During Father's parenting time, Mother shall be able to communicate with the child(ren) via _____ at the following times: _____.

F. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL: (As defined in Section I below)

1. If the parent caring for the child(ren) needs someone to watch the child(ren) for more than _____ hours, the parent needing the childcare shall notify the other parent via _____ And specify the period of time when childcare is needed.
2. If the other parent responds within _____ and can provide childcare for the designated Period of time, the parent needing / providing childcare shall provide transportation.
3. If the parent needing childcare does not hear back from the other parent within the specified amount of time, the parent needing childcare may then use the services of a babysitter or third-party caregiver.

G. SHARING OF INFORMATION (SEE ADDENDUM FILED UNDER SEAL):

1. CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- a. 60-day notice: If a parent has a change of address, that parent shall give the other Parent at least 60 days prior written notice.
- b. If it is not possible to give 60 days prior notice then the parent moving shall notify the other parent as soon as possible with the intended date of change and the new address.

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- Not required due to history of domestic violence or abuse
- Not required because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

2. ACCESS TO RECORDS OF CHILD(REN):

- Each parent shall have a right of access to child(ren)'s medical, dental, and Psychological records (subject to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act), and to the child(ren)'s care records, school And extracurricular records, reports, and schedules.

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- Mother _____
(name)
- Father _____

(name)

Is expressly denied access to medical, dental, psychological, care, school
And extracurricular records, reports and schedules.

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[] Because Mother / Father has not been allocated parenting time, Mother /
Father is not entitled to access to child(ren)'s health care or school records.

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[] Although Mother / Father has not been allocated parenting time, Mother /
Father is granted access to child(ren)'s [] school records [] medical records.

3. EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION: Parents shall notify each other as soon as possible
In cases of emergencies, health care, or other significant child(ren)-related issues.

H. **RELOCATION:** (as defined in Section I below)

1. PROCEDURE: If a parent who has the majority of parenting time or equal parenting time wishes to relocate with the child(ren), the relocation parent must:
 - a. Provide written notice of relocation to the other parent and file a copy of the notice with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
 - b. Such written notice shall be provided at least 60 days before relocation unless impracticable or otherwise ordered by court, in which case notice shall be provided as soon as possible.
 - c. The written notice must include, at a minimum:
 - i. Intended date of relocation
 - ii. Address of new residence, if known
 - iii. Length of time of relocation, if not permanent
2. NO OBJECTION BY OTHER PARENT: If the non-relocating parent does not object to the relocation and signs the notice provided by the relocating parent, the relocating parent shall file the notice with the court. In such case, relocation will be allowed without any further court action. Parents will modify the parenting plan or allocation by agreement to accommodate the relocation and submit such plan to the court for approval.
3. WITH OBJECTION BY THE OTHER PARENT: If the non-relocating parent objects to the relocation, or fails to sign the notice provided by the relocating parent, or the parents cannot agree on modification of the parenting plan or allocation judgment, the parent seeking relocation must file a petition seeking permission to relocate.
4. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AFTER RELOCATION: Any issues arising from the parent's future relocation will be resolved by:

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SECTION I. DEFINITIONS:

1. **SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING** means decision-making on issues of long-term importance to the child(ren). These significant decisions include, but are not limited to:
 - Education, including choice of schools and tutors
 - Health, including medical, dental and psychological needs
 - Religion, including choice of religion or denomination, religious schooling, religious training, and participation in religious customs or traditions.
 - Extra-curricular activities

2. **PARENTING TIME** means the time during which a parent is responsible for exercising non-significant decision-making responsibilities and care-taking responsibilities for the child(ren) (*see below*). The parent caring for the child(ren) may also direct, arrange, and supervise third parties who may perform such care-taking duties for the child(ren) subject to the first right of refusal outlined above. During his or her parenting time, the parent caring for the child(ren) shall have the sole responsibility for making routine decisions with respect to the child(ren) and for emergency decisions affecting the child(ren)'s health and safety at the time.

3. **CARE-TAKING RESPONSIBILITIES** include, but are not limited to:
 - Feeding the child(ren), managing bed-time and wake-up, caring for the child(ren) when the child(ren) is sick or injured, attending to the child(ren)'s hygiene needs, playing with the child(ren), making sure child(ren) attends extra-curricular activities, protecting the child(ren)'s physical safety, and providing transportation for the child(ren).
 - Directing the child(ren)'s developmental needs, including motor and language skills, toilet training, self-confidence and maturation.
 - Providing discipline, assigning chores, and attending to the child(ren)'s need to control his or her behavior.
 - Ensuring child(ren) attends school and any other special services, communicating with teachers and counselors and supervising homework.
 - Helping the child(ren) develop and maintain appropriate relationships with family and friends.
 - Ensuring the child(ren) attends medical appointments, medical follow-ups, and providing any necessary medical care in the home.
 - Providing moral and ethical guidance for the child(ren).
 - Arranging alternative care for the child(ren) by a third party, including investigating the alternatives, communicating with providers and supervising such care.

4. **RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL** means that before either parent can use the services of a babysitter or other third-party caregiver, the other parent must first be given the opportunity to care for the child(ren) during that time.
5. **RELOCATION** constitutes a substantial change in circumstances and is defined as:
- A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence in the county of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry or Will to a new residence within this State that is more than 25 miles from the child(ren)'s current residence;
 - A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence located in a county not listed in the previous paragraph (e.g. Rock Island, Whiteside, Henry and Mercer Counties) to a new residence within this State that is more than 50 miles away from the child(ren)'s current primary residence; or
 - A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence to a residence outside the borders of this State that is more than 25 miles from the current primary residence.

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I, the undersigned, hereby believe that the above parenting plan is in the best interests of my child(ren).

Mother

Father

Mother's Attorney

Father's Attorney

Subscribed and sworn before me this
____ day of _____, 20__

Subscribed and sworn before me this
____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

Notary Public

CASE NO:

FAMILY'S CURRENT INFORMATION TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL:

a. Mother's information:

- i. Residential address: _____
- ii. Home phone number: _____
- iii. Cell phone number: _____
- iv. Name of employer: _____
- v. Employer address: _____
- vi. Employer phone number: _____

---- OR ----

- Omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse
- Omitted because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

b. Father's information:

- i. Residential address: _____
- ii. Home phone number: _____
- iii. Cell phone number: _____
- iv. Name of employer: _____
- v. Employer address: _____
- vi. Employer phone number: _____

---- OR ----

- Omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse
- Omitted because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

c. Child(ren) information:

The residential address of the child(ren) for school enrollment purposes only shall be: _____