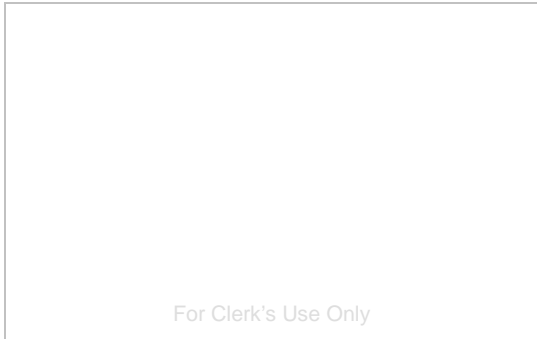


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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, YAVAPAI COUNTY

Regarding the Matter of

Petitioner

and

Respondent

Case No. 1300DO

PARENTING PLAN FOR:
 **JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING WITH
JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING
AGREEMENT**
or
 SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING
 to Mother
 to Father

INSTRUCTIONS

This document has 4 parts: PART 1) General Information and Legal Decision-Making; PART 2) Parenting Time; PART 3) Danger to Children Notification Statement; and PART 4) Joint Legal-Decision Making Agreement. (Where this form refers to "children" it refers to any and all minor children that are common to the parties, whether one or more.)

One or both parents must complete and sign the Plan as follows:

- a. If both parents agree to joint legal decision-making, both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2, at the end of PART 3, and at the end of PART 4;
- b. If both parents agree to legal decision-making and parenting time arrangements but not to joint legal decision-making, both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2 and at the end of PART 3;
- c. If only one parent is submitting the Plan, that parent must sign at the end of PART 2 and at the end of PART 3.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION and LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:

A. MINOR CHILDREN: This Plan concerns the following minor children: (Use additional paper if necessary)

CHILD'S NAME

BIRTH DATE

B. THE FOLLOWING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING ARRANGEMENT IS REQUESTED: Choose ONE of the options below (1, 2, 3, or 4). If you choose “sole legal decision-making”, (1 or 2), you have the option of also requesting restrictions on the parenting time of the other party.

1. SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING BY AGREEMENT: The parents agree that sole legal decision-making and primary physical residence of the child(ren) should be with the **Mother** or **Father**. The parents agree that since each has a unique contribution to offer to the growth and development of their minor children, each of them will continue to have a full and active role in providing a sound moral, social, economic, and educational environment for the benefit of the minor children as described in the following pages; **OR,**

2. SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING REQUESTED BY THE PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN: The parents cannot agree to the terms of legal decision-making. The parent submitting this Plan asks the court to order sole legal decision-making for the child(ren) according to this Plan. (Optional, if you marked 1 or 2 above); **OR,**

3. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING BY AGREEMENT: The parents agree to joint legal decision-making and request the court to approve the joint legal decision-making arrangement as described in this Plan; **OR,**

4. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING REQUESTED BY PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN: The parents cannot agree to the terms of legal decision-making, or are unable to submit this plan together at this time. My request for joint legal decision-making is deferred for the court’s determination.

COMMUNICATION between the parents about the children will take place as follows:

PART 2: PARENTING TIME: Complete each section below. Be specific about what you want the judge to approve in the court order.

A. (School Year) WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE:

The minor children will be in the care of Father as follows: (Explain).

The minor children will be in the care of Mother as follows: (Explain).

Other parenting time arrangements are as follows: (Explain).

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Mother or **Father** will pick the children up at _____ o'clock a.m./p.m.

Mother or **Father** will drop the children off at _____ o'clock a.m./p.m.

Parents may change their time-share arrangements by mutual agreement and with at least _____ days' notice in advance to the other parent.

B. SUMMER MONTHS OR SCHOOL BREAK LONGER THAN 4 DAYS: The weekday and weekend schedule described above will apply for all 12 calendar months **EXCEPT:**

During the summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, no changes shall be made.

OR

During the summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the children will be in the care of **FATHER**. (Explain.)

OR

During the summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the children will be in the care of **MOTHER**. (Explain.)

Each parent is entitled to a _____ week period of vacation time with the children. The parents agree to work out the details of the vacation at least _____ days in advance.

C. TRAVEL:

Should either parent travel out of the area with the minor children, each parent will keep the other parent informed of travel plans, address(es), and telephone number(s) at which that parent and the minor children can be reached.

Neither parent shall travel with the children outside Arizona for longer than _____ days without the prior written consent of the other parent or order of the court.

D. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The holiday schedule takes priority over the regular time-sharing schedule as described above. Check the box(es) that apply and indicate the years of the holiday access/parenting time schedule.

Holiday	Even Years		Odd Years	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Year's Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> New Year's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Vacation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Hanukkah	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Break	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Birthdays	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father

- Mother's Day** will be celebrated with the Mother every year.
- Father's Day** will be celebrated with the Father every year.
- Each parent may have the children on his or her birthday.**
- Three-day weekends** which include Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, the children will remain in the care of the parent who has the minor children for the weekend.
- Other Holidays** (Describe the other holidays and the arrangement.)

- Each parent may have **telephone or electronic contact** with the minor children during the children's normal waking hours, **OR**
 - Other (Explain) _____
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E. PARENTAL ACCESS TO RECORDS AND INFORMATION: Under Arizona law (A.R.S. § 25-403.06), unless otherwise provided by court order or law, on reasonable request, both parents are entitled to have equal access to documents and other information concerning the minor children's education and physical, mental, moral and emotional health including medical, school, police, court and other records. A person who does not comply with a reasonable request for these records shall reimburse the requesting parent for court costs and attorney fees incurred by that parent to make the other parent obey this request. A parent who attempts to restrict the release of documents or information by the custodian of the records without a prior court order is subject to appropriate legal sanctions.

F. EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- Both parents have the right to participate in school conferences, events and activities, and the right to consult with teachers and other school personnel.
- Both parents will make major educational decisions together.
(optional) If both parents do not reach an agreement, then _____

OR

- Major educational decisions will be made by **Mother**, OR **Father** after consulting the other parent.

G. MEDICAL AND DENTAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- Both parents have the right to authorize emergency medical treatment, if needed, and the right to consult with physicians and other medical practitioners. Both parents agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the children, to cooperate on health matters concerning the children and to keep one another reasonably informed. Both parents agree to keep each other informed as to names, addresses and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care providers.
- Both parents will make major medical decisions together, except for emergency situations as noted above.
(Optional) If the parents do not reach an agreement, then: _____

OR

Major medical/dental decisions will be made by **Mother** OR **Father**, after consulting with the other parent.

H. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ARRANGEMENTS:

- Each parent may take the children to a church or place of worship of his or her choice during the time that the children is/are in his or her care.
- Both parents agree that the children may be instructed in the _____ faith.
- Both Parents agree that religious arrangements are not applicable to this Plan.

I. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

- NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF ADDRESS CHANGE:** Each parent will inform the other parent of any change of address and/or phone number in advance or within _____ days of the change.
- NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF EMERGENCY:** Both parents agree that each parent will promptly inform the other parent of any emergency or other important event that involves the children.
- TALK TO OTHER PARENT ABOUT EXTRA ACTIVITIES:** Each parent will consult and agree with the other parent regarding any extra activity that affects the children's access to the other parent.
- RELOCATION OF CHILD:** If either parent intends to relocate outside the state or more than 100

miles within the state within the state with the minor child(ren), they will provide at least 45 days advance written notice to the other parent and adhere to the provisions set forth in A.R.S. § 25-408(B), including the requirement that all parties continue to comply with current court orders, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

ALTERING PARENTING PLAN:

Under Arizona law (ARS §25-403.01(C)) an order for sole legal decision-making does not allow the parent designated as sole legal decision-maker to alter unilaterally a court-ordered parenting time plan.

PERSONAL CARE ARRANGEMENTS:

Each parent may during his/her scheduled parenting time, make routine personal care decisions for our children.

Other: _____

COMMUNICATE: Each parent agrees that all communications regarding the children will be between the parents and that they will not use the children to convey information or to set up parenting time changes.

PRAISE OTHER PARENT: Each parent agrees to encourage love and respect between the children and the other parent, and neither parent shall do anything that may undermine the other parent's relationship with the children.

COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER: Both parents agree to exert their best efforts to work cooperatively in future plans consistent with the best interests of the children and to amicably resolve such disputes as may arise.

PARENTING PLAN: Both parents agree that if either parent moves out of the area and returns later, they will use the most recent **"Parenting Plan/Access Agreement"** in place before the move or the minimum Yavapai County Access Guidelines until other arrangements can be worked out.

MEDIATION: If the parents are unable to reach a mutual agreement regarding a legal change to their parenting orders, they may request mediation through the court or a private mediator of their choice.

NOTICE: DO NOT DEVIATE FROM PLAN UNTIL DISPUTE IS RESOLVED.

Both parents are advised that while a dispute is being resolved, neither parent shall deviate from this Parenting Plan, or act in such a way that is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.

Once this Plan has been made an order of the court, if either parent disobeys the court order related to parenting time with the minor children, the other parent may submit court papers to request enforcement. (See Self-Service Center)

J. SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS – as instructed on page 1.

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____

PART 3: STATEMENT REGARDING CONTACT WITH SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

According to A.R.S. § 25-403.05 (B), a child’s parent or legal decision-maker must immediately notify the other parent or legal decision-maker if the person knows that a convicted or registered sex offender or someone who has been convicted of a dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

According to A.R.S. § 13-705(P)(1), “Dangerous crime against children” means any of the following that is committed against a minor who is under fifteen years of age:

- (a) Second degree murder.
- (b) Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- (c) Sexual assault.
- (d) Molestation of a child.
- (e) Sexual conduct with a minor.
- (f) Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (g) Sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (h) Child abuse as prescribed in section 13-3623, subsection A, paragraph 1.
- (i) Kidnapping.
- (j) Sexual abuse.
- (k) Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3206.
- (l) Child prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3212.
- (m) Involving or using minors in drug offenses.
- (n) Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- (o) Attempted first degree murder.
- (p) Sex trafficking.
- (q) Manufacturing methamphetamine under circumstances that cause physical injury to a minor.
- (r) Bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411, subsection A, paragraph 2.
- (s) Luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (t) Aggravated luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (u) Unlawful age misrepresentation.
- (v) Unlawful mutilation.
- (w) Sexual extortion as prescribed in section 13-1428.

The parent or legal decision-maker must provide notice by first class mail, return receipt requested, by electronic means to an electronic mail address that the recipient provided to the parent or legal decision-maker for notification purposes or by another form of communication accepted by the court.

PART 3: SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARTIES – as instructed on page 1.

I (We) have read, understand and agree to abide by the notification requirements of A.R.S. 25-403.05(B) concerning notification of other parent or legal decision-maker if someone convicted of a dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

Signature of Mother: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____

Date: _____

PART 4: JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT (IF APPLICABLE):

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Arizona Law (A.R.S. § 25-403.03) states that joint legal decision-making shall not be awarded if there has been a history of “significant domestic violence”.

- Domestic Violence has not occurred between the parties, **OR**
- Domestic Violence has occurred, but it has not been “significant” or has been committed by both parties.*

B. DUI or DRUG CONVICTION(S):

- Neither** party has been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months, **OR**
- One of the parties **HAS** been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months, but the parties feel Joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interests of the children. *

* IF THERE HAS BEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR A DUI OR DRUG CONVICTION:

Attach an extra page explaining why Joint Legal Decision-Making is still in the best interest of the children.

C. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT: If the parents have agreed to joint legal decision-making, the following will apply, subject to approval by the Judge.

1. **REVIEW PARENTING PLAN.** The parents agree to review the terms of their joint legal decision-making agreement and make any necessary or desired changes every _____ months from the date of this document.
2. **CRITERIA.** Our joint legal decision-making agreement meets the criteria required by Arizona law (A.R.S. § 25-403.02), as listed below:
 - a. The best interests of the minor children are served;
 - b. Each parent’s rights and responsibilities for personal care of the minor children and for decisions in education, health care and religious training are designated in this Plan;
 - c. A schedule of the physical residence of the minor children, including holidays and school vacations is included in the Plan;
 - d. A procedure for exchanges of the child(ren), including location and responsibility for transportation;
 - e. The Plan includes a procedure for periodic review;
 - f. A procedure for communicating with each other about the child(ren) including methods and frequency.
 - g. The Plan includes a procedure by which proposed changes, disputes and alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved;
 - h. A statement that each party has read, understands and will abide by the notification requirements of A.R.S. § 25-403.05(B);
 - i. The parties understand that joint legal decision-making does not necessarily mean equal parenting time.

D. SIGNATURES OF BOTH PARENTS REQUESTING JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING – as instructed on page 1.

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____