

ORDER

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

**IN RE THE MARRIAGE CIVIL UNION %
 LEGAL SEPARATION PARENTAL RESPONSIBILTY
 VISITATION (NON-PARENT) SUPPORT PARENTAGE OF:**

Petitioner,

No.

Cal.

Respondent.

PARENTING PLAN

NOTE TO PARTIES

Pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/602.10, each party **must** submit some form of a **written Parenting Plan** to the Court addressing all of the issues which are relevant to the facts of your case. The written Parenting Plan must contain certain provisions for the allocation of parental responsibilities including decision-making and parenting time. You may use this form as a Parenting Plan to submit to the Court. This form **does not** include every possible issue that may be relevant in your case. If you wish to address issues that are not included in this form, you may address those issues in the sections marked "Other".

To promote agreement among parties where the children are involved, parties may jointly create a written Parenting Plan. If you do not enter into a joint written Parenting Plan, you must each file your own written Parenting Plan. Without an agreement, the Court **must** enter its own plan which may be a plan filed by one of the parties or may be entirely different. Whether the Court approves your plan or enters its own, the Parenting Plan will become a Court Order.

This is a:

- Full Parenting Plan** (*we agree to everything and the plan is signed by both parties*)
- Partial Parenting Plan** (*we agree to some things and the plan is signed by both parties*)
- Parenting Plan prepared by one party** (*there is no agreement between the parties*)

If this is a partial Parenting Plan or a Parenting Plan prepared by one party, please complete and file with the court the **Pretrial Memorandum** to identify issues that you have not agreed upon.

(initials) _____

PETITIONER INFORMATION:

The Petitioner is the child(ren)'s:

Father Mother Other party (state relationship to child(ren)) _____

The information below is required unless one of the following two boxes is checked:

Petitioner's information omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Petitioner's information omitted because of prior order of court

Residential address: _____

Home phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of employer: _____

Employer address: _____

Employer phone number: _____

The above person shall be referred to as "Petitioner" throughout this Parenting Plan.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION:

The Respondent is the child(ren)'s

Father Mother Other party (state relationship to child(ren)) _____

The information below is required unless one of the following two boxes is checked:

Respondent's information omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Respondent's information omitted because of prior order of court

Residential address: _____

Home phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of employer: _____

Employer address: _____

Employer phone number: _____

The above person shall be referred to as "Respondent" throughout this Parenting Plan.

(initials) _____

CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION:

Full name of child(ren)	Date of Birth	Gender of child

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF CHILD(REN):

The residential address of the child(ren) for school enrollment purposes **only** shall be listed below **unless one of the following two boxes is checked:**

- Child(ren)'s address omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse
 Child(ren)'s address omitted because of prior order of court

 Address

 Address
CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER(S) or EMAIL ADDRESS:

Parties shall notify one another of any change in address or phone number as set forth below **unless one of the following two boxes is checked:**

- Not required due to history of domestic violence or abuse.
 Not required because of prior order of court.

- CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** If a parent has a change of address, that parent shall give the other parent **at least 60 days prior written notice**. If it is not possible to give 60 days prior notice, then the parent moving shall notify the other parent within 48 hours of the intended date of change and the new address.
- CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS:** If a parent has a change of home, cell or work phone number, that parent shall notify the other parent within 48 hours of the new number.

(initials) _____

ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES
SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parties shall indicate below who will be responsible for making significant decisions on issues of long-term importance to the child(ren), including education, health, religion, and extra-curricular and recreational activities.

EDUCATION:

Significant decisions regarding the child(ren)'s education include choice of schools and tutors:

Please select one:

Both parties will make **all** significant decisions regarding education **together**.

Parties will **divide** the significant decisions regarding education as follows:

Petitioner will make the following decisions regarding education:

Respondent will make the following decisions regarding education:

Petitioner will make **all** significant decisions regarding education.

Respondent will make **all** significant decisions regarding education.

HEALTH:

Significant decisions regarding the child(ren)'s health include all decisions relating to the medical, dental, and psychological needs of the child(ren) and to the treatments arising or resulting from those needs:

Please select one:

Both parties will make **all** significant decisions regarding health **together**.

Parties will **divide** the significant decisions regarding health as follows:

Petitioner will make the following decisions regarding health:

Respondent will make the following decisions regarding health:

Petitioner will make **all** significant decisions regarding health.

Respondent will make **all** significant decisions regarding health.

RELIGION:

Significant decisions regarding child(ren)'s religion include choice of religion or denomination of religion, religious schooling, religious training, or participation in religious customs or practices

Please select one:

Both parties will make **all** significant decisions regarding religion **together**.

Parties will **divide** the significant decisions regarding religion as follows:

Petitioner will make the following decisions regarding religion:

Respondent will make the following decisions regarding religion:

Petitioner will make **all** significant decisions regarding religion.

Respondent will make **all** significant decisions regarding religion.

Parties do not agree regarding religion or wish to address religion in this Parenting Plan.

(initials) _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Significant decisions regarding the child(ren)'s extra-curricular and recreational activities:

Please select one:

- Both parties will make **all** significant decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities **together**.
- Parties will **divide** the significant decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities as follows:
 - Petitioner will make the following decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities:

 - Respondent will make the following decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities:

- Petitioner** will make **all** significant decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities.
- Respondent** will make **all** significant decisions regarding extra-curricular & recreational activities.

OTHER:

Any other significant decisions regarding the child(ren) parties wish to include that have not been set forth above:

Please select one:

- Both parties shall make **all** significant decisions regarding the issues above **together**.
- Parties shall **divide** the significant decisions regarding issues above as follows:
 - Petitioner will make the following decisions:

 - Respondent will make the following decisions:

- Petitioner** will make **all** significant decisions regarding the issues above
- Respondent** will make **all** significant decisions regarding the issues above

ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES
PARENTING TIME:

Parties shall set forth the times that the child(ren) will be with each party. When a party has the child(ren) for parenting time, that party shall be responsible for making day-to-day decisions and for providing care-taking functions for the child(ren). The definitions under Illinois law of "parenting time" and "care-taking" functions may be found in the definitions section on page 15 of this document.

PLEASE SELECT AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) PARENTING-TIME PLANS.

1. **REGULAR PARENTING TIME:** The parties will have the same parenting-time schedule that repeats throughout month. If you have chosen this option, *please compete the parenting-time schedule set forth on the following page* and indicate the date upon which the parenting time will begin_____.

(initials) _____

REGULAR PARENTING SCHEDULE

DAY	WHO HAS CHILD(REN)	FREQUENCY	DO PARENTS EXCHANGE CHILDREN THIS DAY?	IF YES, TIME OF EXCHANGE	IF YES, LOCATION OF EXCHANGE & WHO WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
MON	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
TUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
WED	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
THUR	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
FRI	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
SAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	
SUN	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Every week <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____AM _____PM	

(initials) _____

- 2. **PARENTING TIME BASED ON CHANGING WORK SCHEDULES:** At least one party does not have a set work schedule and it is not possible to set a regular schedule. Parties must create some type of “formula” for how they will decide on each party’s parenting time. *Please complete the following:*

Parties will set their parenting time as follows:

Transportation:

Petitioner Respondent Other *please specify*_____ will provide transportation at the **beginning** of the parenting time and the location of the exchange of the child(ren) shall be:_____

Petitioner Respondent Other *please specify*_____ will provide transportation at the **end** of the parenting time and the location of the exchange of the child(ren) shall be:_____

- 3. **LONG-DISTANCE PARENTING TIME:** Parties live a long distance from one another and it is not possible to set a regular schedule. *Please complete the following:*

The long distance party shall have parenting time as follows:

Transportation:

1. At the **beginning** of the parenting times:

- i. Petitioner Respondent shall arrange for and provide transportation for the child(ren)
- ii. Petitioner Respondent will be responsible for any costs associated with child(ren)’s transportation, or parties will share the costs of transportation as follows:_____
- iii. Location of the exchange of child(ren) shall be_____

2. At the **end** of the parenting times:

- i. Petitioner Respondent shall arrange for and provide transportation for the child(ren)
- ii. Petitioner Respondent will be responsible for any costs associated with child(ren)’s transportation, or parties will share the costs of transportation as follows:_____
- iii. Location of the exchange of the child(ren) shall be_____

(initials) _____

Child(ren) shall have the following electronic/telephonic communication with the long-distance party as follows:

4. **OTHER:** Parties agree to the following alternate parenting schedule. The following schedule must include a specific schedule or formula for parenting time, transportation arrangements and location(s) of exchanges of child(ren).

ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME

SCHOOL BREAKS:

WINTER BREAK:

Child(ren) will be with Petitioner _____

Child(ren) will be with Respondent _____

Time and place of exchanges _____

- or - Parties will keep their regular parenting-time schedule

SPRING BREAK:

Child(ren) will be with Petitioner _____

Child(ren) will be with Respondent _____

Time and place of exchanges _____

- or - Parties will keep their regular parenting-time schedule

SUMMER BREAK:

Child(ren) will be with Petitioner _____

Child(ren) will be with Respondent _____

Time and place of exchanges _____

- or - Parties will keep their regular parenting-time schedule.

(initials) _____

VACATIONS:

- Each party shall be allowed to take the child(ren) on vacation for _____ consecutive / non-consecutive (*circle one*) days each year.
1. The traveling party shall give the other party at least _____ days' notice of travel.
 2. The traveling party shall provide the other party 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.
- Any conditions or restrictions regarding travel by either party:
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HOLIDAYS:

Parties may create a holiday schedule in the chart below or they may select one of the options that follow this chart. The holiday schedule shall replace the regular schedule.

Please leave blank those holidays not celebrated by you and the other party or those not in need of a schedule separate from the regular parenting schedule set forth above.

In the Even/Odd years column indicate which parent will spend time with the child(ren) by marking Petitioner [P] or Respondent [R] in the column. If one of the parents will spend that holiday with the child(ren) every year, write in either [P] or [R] and the word "ALL":

HOLIDAY	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS	TIMES & LOCATION OF EXCHANGE (If different than regularly scheduled time & location of exchange)
Halloween			
Thanksgiving			
Christmas Eve			
Christmas Day			
New Year's Eve			
New Year's Day			
Easter			
Memorial Day			
Labor Day			
July 4 th			
Child(ren)'s Birthday			
Petitioner's Birthday			
Respondent's Birthday			
Rosh Hashanah			
Yom Kippur			
Hanukkah			

(initials) _____

Passover			
Diwali			
Ramadan – 1 st Eid			
Second Eid			
Other(Identify)			
Other (Identify)			
Other (Identify)			

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.

OTHER: _____

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Each party shall insure 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 child(ren) are secured in proper car seats or seatbelts as required by Illinois law.

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

If either party wishes to make changes in the parenting time or significant decision-making responsibilities set forth above, parties will attempt to make such changes through mutual discussion. If parties cannot agree on changes, the parties will seek the assistance of a neutral third party, such as a professional counselor or trained mediator, such as the Center for Conflict Resolution 312-922-6464. Parties will return to court only as a last resort.

NOTE: If one of the parties has been allocated **all** significant decision-making authority under this Parenting Plan, parties are not required to go to mediation.

DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN:

Some state and federal statutes require that one person be designated as the custodian of the child(ren). ILCS 5/606.10 provides that where a state or federal statutes requires the designation of a custodian or determination of custody, the party who has the majority of the parenting time shall be designated the custodian **solely** for the purposes of state and federal statutes.

The designation of custodian shall **not** affect in any way either party's rights and responsibilities as set forth in this Parenting Plan.

(initials) _____

Please select **one** of the boxes below regarding designation of custodian:

- Petitioner has the majority of the parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above and shall be designated as the custodian when required under state and federal statute.
- Respondent has the majority of the parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above and shall be designated as the custodian when required under state and federal statute.
- Parents have equal parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above.

- Petitioner is designated as the custodian when required under state and federal statute.
- Respondent is designated as the custodian when required under state and federal statute.

RESTRICTION OF PARENTING TIME:

Please indicate below any restrictions or conditions of either party’s parenting time with the child(ren):

- Not applicable
- Parents agree to the following restriction of parenting time:

- Length of restriction:

- Parenting time is reserved for Petitioner Respondent

COMMUNICATION:

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

(initials) _____

ACCESS TO RECORDS OF CHILD(REN):

Each party (regardless of which party has the significant decision-making authority) 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 **unless one of the following two boxes is checked:**

- _____ who is the Petitioner/Respondent
(party's full name) *(please circle)*
 is expressly denied access to medical, dental, psychological, care, school, and extracurricular records, reports and schedules.
- Because Petitioner / Respondent has not been allocated parenting time with the child(ren), Petitioner / Respondent is not entitled to access to child(ren)'s health care or school records. *(please circle either Petitioner or Respondent)*

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

RELOCATION: (as defined the definition section on page 15 of this document)

1. **PROCEDURE:** If a party who has the majority of parenting time or equal parenting time wishes to relocate with the child(ren), the relocation party must:
 - a. Provide written notice of relocation to the other party 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 PARTY:** If the non-relocating party does not object to the relocation and signs the notice provided by the relocating party, the relocating party shall file the notice with the court. In such case, relocation will be allowed without any further court action. Parties 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 PARTY:** If the non-relocating party objects to the relocation, or fails to sign the notice provided by the relocating party, or the parties cannot agree on modification of the parenting plan or allocation judgment, the party seeking relocation must file a petition seeking permission to relocate.
4. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION AFTER RELOCATION:** Any issues arising from the party's future relocation will be resolved by:

(initials) _____

OTHER PROVISIONS:

Please re-read this document carefully and make sure that it accurately reflects your entire agreement and that it includes all the issues you wished to address.

(initials) _____

Please initial the bottom of every page of this document, including the Definitions section on page 15. Your initials indicate that you have read, understood, and agreed with each page that has been initialed. Once you have re-read this document carefully and believe that it is accurate, please sign on the signature lines below. Your signature indicates that you agree with all the terms of this Parenting Plan and that you intend to abide with all terms of this Parenting Plan.

Petitioner's Signature Date

Respondent's signature Date

Attorney's signature, if applicable Date

Attorney's signature, if applicable Date

Name:

Atty. for:

_____, _____
ENTER:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Judge

Judge's No.

(initials) _____

DEFINITIONS 750 ILCS 5/600

1. **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). 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.

2. **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.

3. **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 paragraph (1) 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.

(initials) _____