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PARENTING PLAN WORKSHEET

Date _____

Proposed Plan of _____ (your name)

Mother

Father

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This proposed plan relates to all of the children of the parties. Make a note on this proposed plan of any minor deviations proposed for individual children. If there are major differences for one or more of the children, complete an additional parenting plan worksheet for each child.
2. Should you and your spouse agree to the terms of the parenting plan, any changes to the plan shall be in writing, dated and signed by both parents. If a disagreement arises, Court approval will be required before such changes shall have any further effect.
3. In the event it is your desire for the child(ren) to frequently switch between living in each parent's home for brief and substantially equal periods of time, specific statutory requirements must be met. You should discuss these requirements with your attorney.
4. If necessary, additional sheets may be attached.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

1.1 Parents:

Mother's name _____ Birth date _____

Father's name _____ Birth date _____

1.2 Child(ren):

Name	Birth date	Social Security No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. BASIS FOR RESTRICTIONS

2.1 PARENTAL CONDUCT (Check one)

___ Does not apply. (**Go to 2.2**)

___ The mother's father's residential time with the child(ren) shall be limited or restrained completely, and mutual decision-making and designation of a dispute resolution process other than court action shall not be required because this parent a person residing with this parent has engaged in the conduct which follows:

(Check all that apply)

___ (a) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions. [This applies only to parents, not to a person who resides with a parent.]

___ (b) Physical, sexual or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child

___ (c) A history of acts of domestic violence or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm

___ (d) Other _____

2.2 OTHER FACTORS

Does not apply. (go to III. Residential Schedule)

The mother's father's involvement or conduct may have an adverse effect on the child's best interests because of the existence of the factors which follow: (Check all that apply)

(a) Neglect or substantial nonperformance of parenting functions

(b) A long-term emotional or physical impairment which interferes with the performance of parenting functions

(c) A long-term impairment resulting from drug, alcohol, or other substance abuse that interferes with the performance of parenting functions

(d) The absence or substantial impairment of emotional ties between the parent and child

(e) The abusive use of conflict by the parent which creates the danger of serious damage to the child's psychological development

(f) A parent has withheld from the other parent access to the child for a protracted period without good cause

(g) Other _____

These factors serve do not serve as a current basis for restrictions

III. RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

These provisions set forth where the child(ren) shall reside each day of the year and what contact they shall have with each parent.

3.1 SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE

There are no children under school age. (Go to 3.2)

Prior to enrollment in school, the child(ren) shall reside with the mother father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will reside with or be with the mother father:

a. From _____ to _____

b. From _____ to _____

Other _____

3.2 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Does not apply. (Go to 3.3)

a. Upon enrollment in school, the child(ren) shall reside with the mother father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will reside with or be with the mother father:

Alternating weekends OR Other: _____

(1) From _____ to _____

(2) From _____ to _____

b. Other _____

c. The school schedule will start when each child begins:

Kindergarten First grade Immediately Other _____

3.3 SCHEDULE FOR WINTER VACATION

Does not apply. (Go to 3.4)

The child(ren) shall reside with the mother father during winter vacation, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will reside with or be with the mother father:

Other _____

3.4 SCHEDULE FOR OTHER SCHOOL BREAKS

Does not apply. (Go to 3.5)

The child(ren) shall reside with the mother father during other school breaks, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will reside with or be with the other parent:

Mid-winter break (typically includes President's Birthday weekend) with: mother father

Spring break with: mother father

Other _____ with: mother father

3.5 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Does not apply. (Go to 3.6)

Same as school year schedule

Upon completion of the school year, the child(ren) shall reside with the mother father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will reside with or be with the mother father:

Other _____

3.6 VACATION WITH PARENTS

Does not apply. (Go to 3.7)

The schedule for vacation with parents is as follows _____

Other _____

3.7 SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

The residential schedule for the child(ren) for the holidays listed below is as follows:

(Specify whether **Odd / Even / Every / Alternate**)

	With Mother	With Father
New Year's Eve Day	_____	_____
New Year's Day	_____	_____
Martin Luther King Day	_____	_____
Presidents' Day	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____
Memorial Day	_____	_____
July 4th	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____
Veterans' Day	_____	_____
Thanksgiving Day Weekend	_____	_____
Christmas Eve Day	_____	_____
Christmas Day	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____	_____

For purposes of this parenting plan, a holiday shall begin and end as follows _____

Holidays which fall on a Friday or a Monday shall include Saturday and Sunday

Holidays which fall on a Friday or a Monday shall attach to the parent's residential weekend

3.8 SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

___ The residential schedule for the child(ren) for the following special occasions is as follows:

(Specify whether **Odd / Even / Every / Alternate**)

	With Mother	With Father
Mother's Day	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____
Mother's Birthday	_____	_____
Father's Birthday	_____	_____
Child(ren)'s Birthday(s)	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
___ Other _____	_____	

3.9 PRIORITIES UNDER THE RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

___ Does not apply. **(Go to 3.10)**

___ If the residential schedule, paragraphs 3.1 - 3.8, results in a conflict where the child(ren) are scheduled to be with both parents at the same time, the conflict shall be resolved by priority being given as follows:

Rank the order of priority, with 1 being given the highest priority:

- ___ School Schedule (3.1, 3.2)
- ___ Winter Vacation (3.3)
- ___ Other School Breaks (3.4)
- ___ Summer Schedule (3.5)
- ___ Vacation with Parents (3.6)
- ___ Holidays (3.7)
- ___ Special Occasions (3.8)

___ Other _____

3.10 RESTRICTIONS

___ Does not apply because there are no limiting factors in paragraphs 2.1 or 2.2. **(Go to 3.11)**

(Check all that apply)

___ The mother's father's residential time with the child(ren) shall be limited because there are limiting factors in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2. The following restrictions apply when the child(ren) spend(s) time with this parent _____

___ There are limiting factors in paragraph 2.2, but there are no restrictions on the mother's father's residential time with the child(ren) for the following reasons _____

3.11 TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- a. Transportation costs are included in the Child Support Worksheets and/or the Order of Child Support and should not be included here.
- b. Transportation arrangements for the child(ren) between parents shall be as follows:
(Check all that apply)
- 1. Transportation for transfer of the child(ren) between the residences shall be provided by the
mother father
 - 2. Responsibility for providing transportation shall be divided between the parents. Each parent shall be responsible for providing transportation to his or her home
 - 3. The child(ren) shall be picked up and returned at the designated times. Should a delay become necessary, the receiving parent shall be notified immediately
 - 4. Other _____

3.12 DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN

The child(ren) named in this parenting plan is/are scheduled to reside the majority of the time with the mother father. This parent is designated the custodian of the child(ren) solely for purposes of all other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody. This designation shall not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under this parenting plan.

3.13 OTHER

(Check all that apply)

- a. A parent shall not change the residence of the child(ren) except by court order entered in accordance with the Child Relocation Act. [This is required by State Statute, see Paragraph 3.14 below.]
- b. The residential arrangements defined above are provided for in the best interests of the child. The child's interests are best served by a full and regular pattern of contact with both parents, responsiveness and cooperation by both parents, involvement by both parents in aspects of the child's needs and a reasonably consistent routine of activities, values and discipline throughout both homes. Absence, inconsistency and conflict are opposed to the best interests of the child.
- c. Each parent shall have the right and responsibility to ensure that the child attends school and other scheduled activities while in that parent's care. Activities shall not be scheduled to unreasonably interfere with the other parent's residential time with the child.
- d. Each parent shall provide the other with the address and phone number of their residence and update such information promptly whenever it changes.
- e. If a parent scheduled to have the child is unable to do so, that parent shall promptly notify the other parent and the other parent shall then have the option to care for the child while the normally-scheduled parent is absent. The child shall not be placed in daycare or with babysitters during any time that the other parent is available and agrees to provide the care. This does not eliminate the normally-scheduled parent's responsibility to arrange for alternative care when necessary.
- f. Neither parent shall ask the child to make decisions or requests involving the residential schedule. Neither parent shall discuss the residential schedule with the child except for plans which have already been agreed to by both parents in advance
- g. Neither parent shall encourage the child to change his primary residence or encourage the child to believe it is his choice to do so. It is a choice that will be made by the parents or, if they cannot agree, the courts

3.14 SUMMARY OF RCW 26.09.430-.480, REGARDING RELOCATION OF A CHILD

This is a summary only. For the full text, please see RCW 26.09.430 through 26.09.480.

If the person with whom the child resides a majority of the time plans to move, that person shall give notice to every person entitled to court ordered time with the child.

If the move is outside the child's school district, the relocating parent must give notice by personal service or by mail requiring a return receipt. This notice must be at least 60 days before the intended move. If the relocating person could not have known about the move in time to give 60 days notice, that person must give notice within 5 days after learning of the move. The notice must contain the information required in RCW 26.09.440. See also form DRPSCU 07.0500 (Notice of Intended Relocation of A Child).

If the move is within the same school district, the relocating person must provide actual notice by any reasonable means. A person entitled to time with the child may not object to the move but may ask for modification under RCW 26.09.260.

Notice may be delayed for 21 days if the relocating person is entering a domestic violence shelter or is moving to avoid a clear, immediate and unreasonable risk to health and safety.

If information is protected under a court order or the address confidentiality program, it may be withheld from the notice.

A relocating person may ask the court to waive any notice requirements that may put the health and safety of a person or a child at risk.

Failure to give the required notice may be grounds for sanctions, including contempt.

If no objection is filed within 30 days after service of the notice of intended relocation, the relocation will be permitted and the proposed revised residential schedule may be confirmed.

A person entitled to time with a child under a court order can file an objection to the child's relocation whether or not he or she received proper notice.

An objection may be filed by using the mandatory pattern form WPF DRPSCU 07.0700 (Objection to Relocation/Petition for Modification of Custody Decree/Parenting Plan/Residential Schedule). The objection must be served on all persons entitled to time with the child.

The relocating person shall not move the child during the time for objection unless: (a) the delayed notice provisions apply; or (b) a court order allows the move.

If the objecting person schedules a hearing for a date within 15 days of timely service of the objection, the relocating person shall not move the child before the hearing unless there is a clear, immediate and unreasonable risk to the health or safety of a person or a child.

IV. DECISION MAKING

4.1 DAY-TO-DAY DECISIONS

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of each child while the child is residing with that parent. Regardless of the allocation of decision making in this parenting plan, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren).

4.2 Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows: (Indicate either **Mother, **Father** or **Joint**)**

- Education decisions *Mother* *Father* *Joint*
- Non-emergency health care *Mother* *Father* *Joint*
- Religious upbringing *Mother* *Father* *Joint*
- _____ *Mother* *Father* *Joint*

4.3 RESTRICTIONS IN DECISION MAKING

___ Does not apply because there are no limiting factors in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above. (**Go to "V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION"**)

___ Sole decision making shall be ordered to the Mother Father for the following reasons:
(Check all that apply)

- ___ a. A limitation on the other parent's decision-making authority is mandated by RCW 26.09.191 (see paragraph 2.1).
- ___ b. Both parents are opposed to mutual decision making.
- ___ c. One parent is opposed to mutual decision making, and such opposition is reasonably based on the following criteria:
 - ___ (1) The existence of a limitation listed in "a." above.
 - ___ (2) The history of participation of each parent decision making of the areas in RCW 26.09.184(4)(a).
 - ___ (3) Whether the parents have demonstrated ability and desire to cooperate with one another in decision making in each of the areas in RCW 26.09.184(4)(a).
 - ___ (4) The parents' geographic proximity to one another, to the extent that it affects their ability to make timely mutual decisions.

___ There are limiting factors in paragraph 2.2, but there are no restrictions on mutual decision making for the following reasons _____

V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

No dispute resolution process except court action is ordered.

VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

___ There are no other provisions

___ There are the following other provisions: (Check all that apply)

6.1 ___ RESTRAINING ORDER

- ___ a. My spouse should be restrained as follows _____

- ___ b. My spouse should be restrained as follows:
 - ___ (1) Molesting or disturbing me or any child
 - ___ (2) Entering my home except by agreement of the parties or upon showing a necessity thereof
 - ___ (3) Removing a child(ren)'s residence from the state of Washington
- ___ c. Neither party shall advise the child of the status of child support payments or other legal matters regarding the parents' relationship.
- ___ d. Neither parent shall use the child, directly or indirectly, to gather information about the other parent or take verbal messages to the other parent.
- ___ e. Neither parent shall make derogatory comments about the other parent or allow anyone else to do the same in the child's presence. Neither parent shall allow or encourage the child to make derogatory comments about the other parent.
- ___ f. Other _____

6.3 ___ TELEPHONE ACCESS

- ___ a. The child(ren) shall have liberal local telephone privileges with the non-residential parent without interference of the residential parent.
- ___ b. The mother father may have telephone contact with the child(ren) _____ times per week, during the hours of _____ p.m. to _____ p.m.
- ___ c. Other _____

6.4 ___ PARTICIPATION IN CHILD(REN)'S EVENTS

- ___ a. The child(ren) shall be accompanied by the residential parent at the time of a given social event. The other parent shall not be excluded from attendance at that event, providing said attendance by the non-residential parent is not disruptive to the other participants.
- ___ b. Both parents may participate in school activities for the child(ren) such as open house or attendance at an athletic event. Each parent shall be responsible for keeping themselves advised of athletic and social events in which the child participate(s).

6.5 ___ INFORMATION REGARDING CHILD(REN)

- ___ a. Both parents shall cooperate with one another to ensure the reasonable exchange of appropriate notices, reports, and the like from school, health care providers, etc. In addition, the mother father should contact school, health care providers, etc., and request that notices, reports, etc. be forwarded directly to other parent.
- ___ b. Each parent shall provide the other parent promptly with receipt of any significant information regarding the welfare of the child, including physical and mental health, performance in school, extracurricular activities, etc.
- ___ c. Each parent shall inform the other when that parent plans to be away from his or her residence with the child for more than two nights. The information to be provided shall include duration of the period, the destinations, and destination telephone numbers.
- ___ d. Each parent agrees to exert every reasonable effort to maintain free access and unhampered contact and communication between the children and the other parent, and to promote the emotions of affection, love and respect between the child and the other parent. Each parent agrees to refrain from words or conduct, and further agrees to discourage other persons from uttering words or engaging in conduct, which would have a tendency to estrange the child from the other parent, to damage the opinion of the child as to the other parent, or which would impair the natural development of the child's love and respect for the other parent.
- ___ e. Neither parent shall interfere in the parenting style of the other nor shall either parent make plans or arrangements that would impinge upon the other parent's authority or time with the child without the express agreement of the other. Each parent shall encourage the child to discuss his grievance against a parent directly with the parent in question. It is the intent to encourage a direct parent-child bond and communication.

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