

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

**APPENDIX A
PARENTING PLAN WORKSHEET**

This Parenting Plan Worksheet is designed to give parents some ideas regarding possible approaches to developing a co-parenting plan for your child[ren]. Feel free to use this worksheet as a source of information and a means of sharing your co-parenting proposals with the other parent and your mediator.

Petitioner _____) **CASE NO:**
)
and)
) **[] Proposed by** _____
Respondent _____)

Introduction:

This form **does not** include every possible issue you may want to address. If you need more space than is provided, attach additional pages to the form.

If there are significant safety concerns for child[ren] or parents because of domestic violence, child abuse, or alcohol/drug abuse, you should develop a Safety Focused Parenting Plan. If you are afraid for yourself or your child[ren], seek help from others before writing your plan. This Parenting Plan does not change existing court safety orders which remain in effect until expired or changed by a court order.

You **do not** have to use this form if you prefer to write your own Parenting Plan. Your Parenting Plan may be either general or detailed.

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD[REN]

Full Name	Date of Birth	Sex

2. PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

2.1 Weekday and Weekend Schedule.

Our child[ren] will be in the care of (name parent) _____
(list days and times) _____

Our child[ren] will be in the care of (name parent) _____
(list days and times) _____

2.2 Summer Schedule.

Choose one:

☐ The schedule described above in Section 2.1 will continue throughout the summer except that _____

OR

☐ The schedule for time with our child[ren] will be different during the summer than it is in the winter (describe below):

Our child[ren] will be in the care of (name parent) _____
(list days and times) _____

AND

Our child[ren] will be in the care of (name parent) _____
(list days and times) _____

2.3 Holiday Schedule.

The following holiday schedule will take priority over the regular weekday, weekend, and summer schedules discussed above. If a holiday is not specified as even, odd or every year with one parent, then our child[ren] will remain with the parent they are normally scheduled to be with. (*Check one or both*):

☐ When parents are using an alternating weekend plan and the holiday schedule would result in one parent having the child[ren] for three weekends in a row, the alternating weekend pattern will restart, so neither parent will go without having the child[ren] for more than two weekends in a row.

☐ If a parent has our child[ren] on a weekend with an unspecified holiday or non-school day attached, they shall have our child[ren] for the holiday or non-school day.

Fill in the following blanks with the parent's name to indicate where the child[ren] will be for the holidays. Provide beginning and ending times.

<u>Holidays</u>	<u>Even Years</u>	<u>Odd Years</u>	<u>Every Year</u>	<u>Beg/End Times</u>
Martin L. King Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
President's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mother's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Memorial Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
4th of July	_____	_____	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Halloween	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thanksgiving Day*	_____	_____	_____	_____
Christmas Eve*	_____	_____	_____	_____
Christmas Day*	_____	_____	_____	_____
New Year's Eve*	_____	_____	_____	_____
New Year's Day*	_____	_____	_____	_____

* For Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, provide additional details in Sections 2.4 and 2.5.

2.4 Thanksgiving. Details for sharing time with the child[ren] during this holiday are:

2.5 Winter Break (Christmas, New Year's, and School Vacation).

Choose one:

[] Our child[ren] will be in the care of each parent according to the schedule described in Section 2.1.

OR

[] Our child[ren] will spend half of Winter Break with each parent on a schedule that is consistent with the alternating holidays described above.

OR

[] Other: Details for sharing time with the child[ren] during Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and school vacation are:

2.6 Spring Break.

Choose one:

☐ Our child[ren] will be in the care of each parent according to the schedule described in Section 2.1.

OR

☐ Our child[ren] will alternate spending Spring Break with each parent.

With (name parent) _____ in even years.

With (name parent) _____ in odd years.

OR

☐ Our child[ren] will spend half of Spring Break with each parent (details):

2.7 Birthdays.

Choose one:

☐ Our child[ren] will be in the care of each parent according to the schedule described in Sections 2.1 and 2.2.

OR

☐ Our child[ren]'s birthdays will be planned so that both parents participate in the birthday celebration.

OR

☐ Our child[ren] will celebrate birthdays according to the following plan (indicate which parent has the child[ren], and any other important details):

2.8 Other Holiday and Vacations.

Details for sharing time with the child[ren] during other holidays or vacation are:

2.9 Number of Overnights.

Our schedule for sharing time with our child[ren] results in our child[ren] spending _____ overnights in the home of (name parent) _____ and _____ overnights in the home of (name parent) _____

2.10 Primary Residence (Optional).

☐ We agree that our child[ren] shall primarily reside with (name parent) _____

☐ We agree that neither residence shall be considered the "Primary Residence".
See "Primary Residence" defined in "Words I Need to Know" - "*Parenting Plan Guide for Parents*"

2.11 Alternate Care (Optional)

☐ We choose not to specify arrangements for alternate care.

☐ Our arrangements for alternate care are: _____

2.12 Temporary Changes to the Schedule.

Any schedule for sharing time with our child[ren] may be changed as long as both parents agree to the changes ahead of time ☐ in writing ☐ verbally (*choose one*).

Activities scheduled during the other parent's time must be coordinated with the other parent.

Makeup and Missed Parenting Time: Only substantial medical reasons will be considered sufficient for postponement of parenting time. If a child is ill and unable to spend time with a parent, a makeup parenting time will be scheduled. If a parent fails to have the child[ren] during their scheduled parenting time for any other reason, there will be no makeup of parenting time unless the parties agree otherwise ☐ in writing.

2.13 Permanent Changes to the Schedule.

We understand that, once the judge signs the final judgment in our case and approves this Parenting Plan, any changes that we do not agree on can be made only by applying to the court and proving that there has been a "change in circumstance."

Before applying to the court, we understand that we can agree to try to resolve our dispute through mediation or other means.

3. DECISION-MAKING:

3.1 Day-to-Day Decisions.

Each parent will make day-to-day decisions regarding the care and control of our child[ren] during the time they are caring for our child[ren]. This includes any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of our child[ren].

3.2 Major Decisions.

Major decisions include, but are not limited to, decisions about our child[ren]'s education, non-emergency healthcare and religious training. (*Choose one*):

☐ Both parents will share in the responsibility for making major decisions about our child[ren]. This arrangement is known by the courts as **Joint Custody**.

OR

☐ (name parent) _____ shall have sole decision-making authority on major decisions about our child[ren]. This arrangement is known by the courts as **Sole Custody**,

AND (choose one)

☐ (name parent) _____ shall always consult with the other parent prior to making major decisions.

☐ (name parent) _____ shall have the option to consult with the other parent prior to making major decisions.

OR

☐ Other — Describe how major decisions will be handled: _____

_____.

4. INFORMATION SHARING

Unless there is a court order stating otherwise:

Both parents are entitled to important information regarding our child[ren], including but not limited to, our child[ren]'s current address and telephone number, education, medical, governmental agency, psychological and law enforcement records.

Information about our child[ren]'s progress in school and any school activity is equally available to both parents. Both parents are encouraged to consult with school staff concerning our child[ren]'s welfare and education.

Both parents will immediately notify each other regarding any emergency circumstances or substantial changes in the health of our child[ren].

Both parents will provide each other with contact numbers and addresses and will notify each other of any change in that information within 72 hours of such a change. If either parent takes our child[ren] from their usual place of residence, they will provide the other parent with an emergency contact phone number.

5. RELOCATION OF A PARENT

5.1 If either parent plans to move more than sixty (60) miles away from the other parent, they will notify the other parent and provide written notice to the court at least 60 days prior to the move unless a court has ordered this information need not be given.

5.2 Regardless of any decision-making provision of this Parenting Plan, **a parent whose relocation would disrupt the other parent's scheduled time with the child[ren] may not change the Parenting Time Schedule (Section 2) without the agreement of the other parent.** If there is no agreement, then any change must be ordered by the court.

6. PARENT-CHILD COMMUNICATION

Choose one:

☐ Both parents and child[ren] shall have the right to communicate by telephone, in writing or by e-mail during reasonable hours without interference or monitoring by the other parent.

OR

☐ Procedures for telephone, written or e-mail access (describe how access will work):

7. EXCHANGE OF OUR CHILD[REN]

7.1 *Choose one:*

☐ Both parents will share equally in the responsibility of exchanging our child[ren] from one parent to the other while parents continue to reside in the same locale.

OR

☐ Procedures for exchanging our child[ren] (details): _____

7.2 Both parents shall have the child[ren] ready on time with sufficient clothing packed and ready at the agreed-upon time of the exchange. All clothing that accompanied our child[ren] shall be returned to the other parent.

8. MUTUAL RESPECT

Parents will not say things or knowingly allow others to say things in the presence of our child[ren] that would take away our child[ren]'s love and respect for the other parent.

9. OTHER TERMS

Add any other items regarding the child[ren] you would like to include in your Parenting Plan.

☐ Additional sheets are attached. _____

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Choose one:

☐ Parents will first attempt to cooperatively resolve any disputes that may arise over the terms of this Parenting Plan. If that attempt fails, parents will try:

☐ mediation, or

☐ other dispute resolution method (describe): _____

_____.

As a last resort, the dispute shall be resolved through court action.

OR

☐ Mediation or other dispute resolution method will *not* be required prior to filing a court action.