

In all cases involving permanent custody or custody modification (except when a parent seeks emergency relief for family violence), each parent shall prepare and submit a parenting plan, or the parties may jointly submit a parenting plan, as directed by the Judge.

The parenting plan should be tailored to fit the needs of each individual family but must at a minimum contain the information required by OCGA section 19-9-1 (b) and be presented in substantially the following form:



**I. Custody and Decision Making:**

**A. Legal Custody shall be (choose one:)**

- with the Mother
- with the Father
- Joint

**B. Primary Physical Custodian**

For each of the children named below the primary physical custodian shall be:

	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint

WHERE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS CHOSEN BY THE PARENTS OR ORDERED BY THE COURT, A DETAILED PLAN OF THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHILD(REN) SHALL BE ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THIS PARENTING PLAN.

**C. Day-To-Day Decisions**

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is residing with that parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of a child.

**D. Major Decisions**

Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Educational decisions      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Non-emergency health care  | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Religious upbringing       | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Extracurricular activities | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |

**E. Disagreements**

Where parents have elected joint decision making in Section I.D above, please explain how any disagreements in decision-making will be resolved.

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**IV. Modification of Plan or Disagreements**

Parties may, by mutual agreement, vary the parenting time/visitation; however, such agreement shall not be a binding court order. Custody shall only be modified by court order.

Should the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they must make a good faith effort to resolve the issue between them.

**V. Special Considerations**

Please attach an addendum detailing any special circumstances of which the Court should be aware (e.g., health issues, educational issues, etc.)

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**VI. Parents' Consent**

Please review the following and initial:

- 1. We recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child's life is in the child's best interest.

Mother's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. We recognize that our child's needs will change and grow as the child matures; we have made a good faith effort to take these changing needs into account so that the need for future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized.

Mother's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. We recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with such parent.

Mother's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) We knowingly and voluntarily agree on the terms of this Parenting Plan. Each of us affirms that the information we have provided in this Plan is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

\_\_\_\_\_)  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Civil Action  
\_\_\_\_\_) Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant. )

**ORDER**

The Court has reviewed the foregoing Parenting Plan, and it is hereby made the Order of this Court.

SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ .

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JUDGE, Superior Courts  
Southern Judicial Circuit

