

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.

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.)
)
_____)
Defendant.)

Civil Action
Case Number _____

ORDER

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

SO ORDERED, this _____, 20 ____ .

JUDGE, Superior Courts
Southern Judicial Circuit

