

# PARENTING PLAN

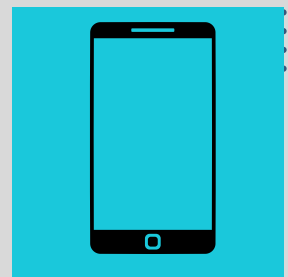
## "MUST HAVES"

### PROVISIONS

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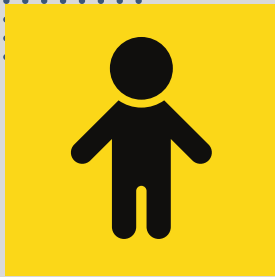
#### Communication

This refers to parent-parent communication methods AND parent-child communication when the child is with the other parent. This section should state means, times and circumstances.



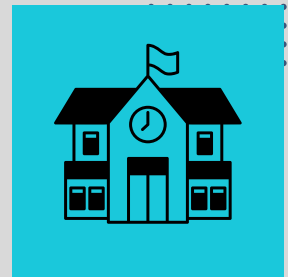
#### Standards for Raising Child

This is where you can establish guidelines on how each parent will discipline, safety measures, use of phone, internet, gaming, etc., piercings/tattoos, etc. Although you can't control the other parent you can set guidelines.



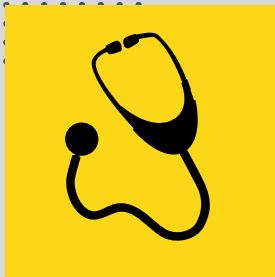
#### Education & Extracurriculars

This refers to which school, private or public OR whether homeschooling is allowed. Also, how extracurricular activities will be chosen, who pays, who does the traveling and so on. This should be detailed for now and the future.



#### Healthcare

This may cover who carries insurance, who pays co-pays and when. Also, determines how special procedures will be chosen and if second opinions are necessary. Who takes the child to appointments, who can be present, etc. should be covered.



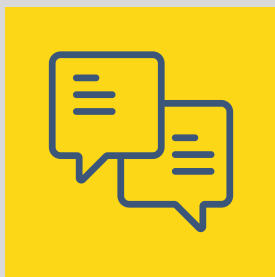
#### Travel & Vacation

This section should cover if and when each parent can travel with the child; for how long, who pays, who keeps the passport, when notice is given, communication during that time and so on.



#### Moral(ity) Clauses

This section covers things like no badmouthing, no exposure to new romantic partners within a certain time, how to introduce new partners, not drinking or drug use in child's presence, no guns in the home, no calling anyone else Mom or Dad and anything specifically related to moral issues.



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## Current Address Exchanged

This clause should state that each parent is to provide current address information to the other one within a set period of time. Unless there is an order for confidential location, the parent's should make allowances for these circumstances.



## Relocation

This is where each of you should be given restrictions or parameters of where either can relocate geographically. Your state probably has a 50-60 mile restriction but you can extend that as you see fit.



## Access to Medical/School

This provision should specifically state which parent has access to the child's medical and school records, (including therapy), the extent of that access and who is responsible for notifying the providers of the authority. And, it should cover if either parent can be present during appointments, conferences, etc.



## Right of First Refusal

This should address who and when the parent who is exercising access can leave the child with someone other than the other parent. It usually gives the specific circumstances, the duration, the method of notice, etc.



## No Legal Matters Discussion

This section states that neither parent is to discuss anything related to legal issues about the custody &/or divorce case in the presence of the children, not to relay messages to either parent or to involve them in any other way.



## Dispute Resolution

This provision gives the specific measures for resolving disagreements or disputes amongst the parents regarding anything in this agreement. A neutral 3rd party should be designated to resolve any significant disputes regarding custody/visitation/access or anything related to these.

