

SUPERIOR COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, GEORGIA

Civil Action File No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, )  
**Plaintiff,** )  
 )  
v. )  
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\_\_\_\_\_, )  
**Defendant.** )

*Note: All options on p. 1, p. 2, sub B. & p. 4, Summer Vacation, must be completed. If the parties agree to this plan, they or their attorneys must initial & sign on p. 9.*

**PARENTING PLAN B**  
**Father as Primary Physical Custodian**

Instructions: This Parenting Plan is approved for use in the Augusta Judicial Circuit. Each paragraph with options and/or blanks *must be completed*. Do not delete paragraphs which do not apply. If there are substantive changes to the basic form, **bold and underline the changes**, and check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of this plan: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) The parties agree to the terms of this plan and affirm the accuracy of the information provided, as shown by their signatures at the end of this plan.

( ) This plan has been prepared by the judge.

This plan ( ) is a new plan.

( ) modifies an existing Order: Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This plan applies to the following minor child(ren) of the parties:

Child's Name	Date of Birth

**I. Custody and Decision Making**

**A. Legal Custody shall be: [Check one]**

- (X) joint.
- ( ) with the Mother, not joint.
- ( ) with the Father, not joint.

**B. Primary Physical Custodian**

For the child(ren) named below, the primary physical custodian shall be:

	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint

IF 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**

A parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of the child(ren) while the child(ren) is/are residing with that parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren).

**D. Major Decisions**

Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

- Educational decisions                     mother       father       joint
- Non-emergency health care             mother       father       joint
- Religious upbringing                     mother       father       joint
- Extracurricular activities               mother       father       joint
- \_\_\_\_\_                                       mother       father       joint
- \_\_\_\_\_                                       mother       father       joint

**E. Disagreements**

If the parents have elected joint decision making in Section I. D. above, if the parties are unable to agree after serious and meaningful consideration of each other's views:

- The mother shall have final decision making authority.
- The father shall have final decision making authority.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Parenting Time/Visitation Schedules

*The following should not be construed as precluding other visitation or alternative arrangements. The best visitation plan is one the parties have agreed to, rather than one imposed by the court.*

### A. Parenting Time/Visitation [Any restrictions on visitation should be set forth in Section 6, Additional Provisions, below.]

During the term of this parenting plan the mother shall have at a minimum the following rights of parenting time/visitation (choose an item):

- The weekend of the first and third Friday of each month.
- The weekend of the first, third and fifth Friday of each month.
- The weekend of the second and fourth Friday of each month.
- Every other weekend starting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each \_\_\_\_\_ starting at \_\_\_\_\_ .M. and ending \_\_\_\_\_ .M.

Other: One weekend each month to be agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree, visitation shall be the weekend of the first Friday of each month.

and weekday parenting time/visitation on (choose an item):

- None
- Every \_\_\_\_\_
- Every other \_\_\_\_\_ during the week prior to a non-visitation weekend.
- Every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ evening.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For purposes of this parenting plan, a weekend will start at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and end at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday visitation will begin at N/A and will end at N/A.

This parenting schedule begins on:

date of this plan    OR     \_\_\_\_\_  
(date and time)

### B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods

#### Thanksgiving

Applicable     Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

In even-numbered years, the mother shall have the child(ren) from 6:00 p.m. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school preceding Thanksgiving Day until the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day at 6:00 p.m. In odd-numbered years, the father shall have the child(ren) for the entire Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

**Winter Vacation**

(X) Applicable            ( ) Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

The ( ) mother (X) father shall have the child(ren) for the first period from the day and time school is dismissed until December 26th at 10:00 A.M. in ( ) odd numbered years (X) even numbered years ( ) every year. The other parent will have the child(ren) for the second period from the day and time indicated above until 6:00 p.m. on the evening before school resumes. Unless otherwise indicated, the parties shall alternate the first and second periods each year.

Other agreement of the parents:

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**Summer Vacation** *[One of the summer visitation options must be chosen.]*

(X) Applicable            ( ) Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

Summer vacation is the period of time in which the child(ren) is/are not in school during the summer.

The mother shall have summer visitation with the child(ren) for: *[One of the following summer visitation options must be initialed.]*

\_\_\_\_\_ A period beginning ten days after the child(ren) is/are dismissed from school and ending ten days before school resumes in the fall. The father shall have the option of traveling to the mother's hometown and visiting with the child(ren) twice during the summer for two days per visit, so long as such visits do not conflict with vacations, camps or other activities planned by the mother.

\_\_\_\_\_ Four consecutive weeks, beginning five days after the child(ren) is/are dismissed from school. The father shall have the option of traveling to the mother's hometown and visiting with the child(ren) once during the summer for two days, so long as such visit does not conflict with vacations, camps or other activities planned by the mother.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Spring Vacation**

(X) Applicable for school-aged children            ( ) Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

Spring vacation means spring break as defined by the child(ren)'s school calendar. In odd-numbered years, the mother shall have the child(ren) from 6:00 p.m. on the day school is dismissed for spring break until 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes. In even-numbered years, the father shall have the child(ren) for the entire spring break.

**Fall Vacation**

Applicable                     Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

**C. Other Holiday Schedule**

Applicable                     Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies, with the exception of Mother's Day and Father's day

**Mother's Day:** If Mother's Day does not fall on the weekend of the mother's regularly scheduled monthly visitation, the mother may elect to substitute visitation on Mother's Day weekend with her regularly scheduled weekend visitation.

**Father's Day:** To the extent practicable, the parties shall arrange summer visitation schedules so that the child(ren) is/are with the father the entire weekend of Father's Day each year.

**D. Other extended periods of time during school (refer to school schedule)**

Applicable                     Not applicable, the day-to-day schedule applies

**E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation**

For the purposes of this parenting plan: *[Check one]*

Holidays that fall on Friday will include the following Saturday and Sunday

Holidays that fall on Monday will include the preceding Saturday and Sunday

Other: If the mother exercises visitation on a weekend in which a holiday falls on the Friday or Monday immediately preceding or following the weekend, her visitation shall include that Friday or Monday holiday.

**F. Coordination of Parenting Schedules**

*[Check one or both, if applicable]*

The holiday parenting/visitation schedule takes priority over the regular parenting time/visitation schedule.

When the child(ren) is/are with a parent for an extended parenting time/visitation period (such as summer), the other parent shall be entitled to visit with the child(ren) during the extended period, as follows: As set forth in Summer Vacation above.

**G. Transportation Arrangements**

For visitation, the place of meeting for the exchange of the child(ren) shall be halfway between the home of the mother and father, or the parties shall alternate pickup and delivery of the child(ren) at their respective homes, unless the alternate provision below is initialed and a different meeting place is indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation costs:**

Unless otherwise ordered or agreed, all travel expenses of the child(ren), including air travel expenses, shall be shared between the parties in accordance with the percentages set forth on Line 3 of the Child Support Worksheet. If travel is by air, non-stop travel between the departure city and the arrival city must be utilized, if reasonably available. Air travel shall be purchased at the lowest available fare for a reasonable itinerary. [Transportation costs may be allocated differently, if the alternate provision below is initialed and completed.]

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Provision:** The mother shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % and the father shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % of all travel expenses of the child(ren), including air travel expenses. If travel is by air, non-stop travel between the departure city and the arrival city must be utilized, if reasonably available. Air travel shall be purchased at the lowest available fare for a reasonable itinerary.

**H. Contacting the child**

When the child(ren) is/are in the physical custody of one parent, the other parent will have the right to contact the child(ren) as follows:

(X) Telephone: The parent without the child(ren) may call the child(ren) two times per week or one time during weekend visitation between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The calls shall be private and shall not exceed 30 minutes per call. The parties may agree to more frequent telephone visitation. If a parent places a call and the child(ren) is/are not present, the other parent shall ensure that the child(ren) place(s) a return call to the parent who originated the call.

( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Limitations on contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I. Supervision of Parenting Time (if applicable)**

( ) Applicable            (X) Not Applicable

Supervised parenting time shall apply during the day-to-day schedule as follows:

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Person/Organization supervising: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility for cost: ( ) Mother    ( ) Father    ( ) Both equally

**J. Communication Provisions**

A parent shall always have the current address, telephone number and cell phone number of the other parent. A parent shall promptly notify the other parent of a change of address, phone number or cell phone number. A parent changing residence must give at least 30 days notice of the change and provide the full address of the new residence.

If a parent is traveling with the child(ren) on a trip which includes an overnight stay, he/she shall provide the other parent with reasonable information concerning the child(ren)'s whereabouts and how to contact the other parent in the event of an emergency. If travel is by air, he/she shall provide the other parent with the child(ren)'s flight information.

\_\_\_\_\_ *[If applicable, this paragraph must be initialed.]* Due to prior acts of family violence, the address of the child(ren) and victim of family violence shall be kept confidential. The protected parent shall promptly notify the other parent, through a third party, of any change in contact information necessary to conduct visitation.

### **III. Access Rights to Records and Information**

Each parent shall have direct access to the child(ren)'s school, medical, dental and other records of every type, wherever they may be located, and shall have the right to discuss the child(ren) with doctors, teachers, administrators, coaches, youth leaders, and any and all other persons who are involved in any aspect of the child(ren)'s life/lives. Each parent shall have access to the child(ren)'s grades from school, as well as a schedule of the child(ren)'s curricular and extracurricular events, so that each parent shall be permitted and enabled to fully participate in all aspects of the life/lives of the child(ren). Each parent shall provide the other parent with all such schedules which are not reasonably available to the other parent. Each parent will inform the other of events and activities involving the child(ren) so that each parent will have an opportunity to attend if he/she so desires. Designation as a non-custodial parent does not affect a parent's right to equal access to records and information.

### **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 or be construed as modifying a previous order. Custody shall only be modified by court order. If the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they must make a good faith effort to resolve the issue between themselves.

### **V. Conduct of Parties**

The parties shall always promote the welfare and best interest of the child(ren), and shall confer with each other on all important matters relating to the child(ren). The parties shall not do anything which will or may tend to estrange the child(ren) from the other party. Neither parent shall, directly or indirectly, encourage the child(ren) not to visit with the other parent, or otherwise interfere with the other party's rights of custody or visitation. The parties shall use their best efforts to amicably resolve disputes which may arise.

In the event that a child develops a serious illness or injury while visiting with one parent, that parent shall promptly inform the other parent of the child's condition. Emergency surgery necessary for the preservation of life or to prevent a further serious injury or condition may be performed without the other parent's consent; provided, however, that if time permits, the other parent shall be consulted and, in any event, he/she shall be informed as soon as possible. Non-emergency surgery shall be performed on a child only after the parties have conferred with each other.

Neither party shall consume illegal drugs or excessive amounts of alcohol when the child(ren) is/are in his or her custody. Neither party shall operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which impairs the ability to drive when the child(ren) is/are in his or her custody.



**VII. Incorporation into Judgment**

It is contemplated that this Parenting Plan will be incorporated into a temporary or final judgment in this case. If there is any conflict between any such judgment and this Parenting Plan or any written agreement between the parties, the judgment shall control. If there is any conflict between this Parenting Plan and any written agreement between the parties, this Parenting Plan shall control.

**VIII. Parents' Consent**

Please review the following and initial:

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

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

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

We recognize that our child(ren)'s needs will change and grow as the child(ren) mature(s). 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 is minimized.

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

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

We recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child(ren) is/are residing with such parent (see Section I. C. above).

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

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

**IX. Agreement of the Parties**

The parties hereby knowingly and voluntarily agree to the terms of this Parenting Plan. If signed by a party, the party affirms that the information he/she has provided in connection with the preparation of this plan is true and correct. If signed by an attorney, the attorney certifies that this plan accurately represents information obtained from his/her client which is believed to be true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_ *[If applicable, this paragraph must be initialed.]* The parties hereby agree that if a disagreement arises with regard to the terms of this Parenting Plan, prior to seeking a modification, the parties shall attempt to resolve said disagreement through the Augusta Judicial Circuit's alternative dispute resolution program or any other mediation acceptable to the parties and the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother or Mother's Attorney

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Father or Father's Attorney