

# MARYLAND PARENTING PLAN TEMPLATE

Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTIES:

Petitioner (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN COVERED BY THIS PLAN:

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENTING TIME (CUSTODY) SCHEDULE:

1. Legal Custody: The parties shall share joint legal custody of the children, with both parents having equal rights and responsibilities regarding major decisions affecting the children's welfare, including education, health care, and religion. 2. Physical Custody: The children shall reside primarily with the [Primary Custodian], and the non-custodial parent shall have parenting time as set forth below. 3. Regular Parenting Time: The non-custodial parent shall have parenting time every weekend from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise agreed. 4. Holiday Parenting Time: The parents shall alternate major holidays as follows: - Even-numbered years: The non-custodial parent shall have the children for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and President's Day. - Odd-numbered years: The non-custodial parent shall have the children for Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, and Labor Day. 5. Vacation Parenting Time: Each parent is entitled to two non-consecutive weeks of vacation time with the children annually, provided notice is given at least 30 days in advance.

## TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE OF CHILDREN:

1. The parents shall share transportation responsibilities equally for exchanges of the children. 2. Exchanges shall occur at a mutually agreed location or at the children's residence. 3. Each parent shall notify the other promptly of any changes affecting exchange times or locations. 4. Both parents agree to ensure the children's safety during transportation, including appropriate car seats and supervision.

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

1. The children shall have reasonable telephone and electronic communication with the non-custodial parent during reasonable hours. 2. Both parents shall encourage and support the children's relationship with the other parent. 3. Neither parent shall interfere with the children's communication with the other parent.

## HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL OCCASION SCHEDULE:

The parties agree to cooperate in scheduling parenting time for special occasions, including birthdays, religious holidays, and school vacations, with the goal of maximizing the children's time with each parent while minimizing conflict.

**DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY:**

1. Major decisions regarding the children's education, health care, religion, and extracurricular activities shall be made jointly by the parents. 2. In case of disagreement, the parents shall attempt mediation before seeking court intervention. 3. Each parent shall keep the other informed of all significant matters affecting the children.

**CHILD SUPPORT AND EXPENSES:**

1. Child support shall be paid in accordance with Maryland Child Support Guidelines as determined by the court or mutual agreement. 2. Both parents shall share reasonable and necessary expenses related to the children, including medical, dental, educational, and extracurricular costs. 3. The parent incurring such expenses shall provide receipts and documentation to the other parent.

**MODIFICATION OF PLAN:**

This Parenting Plan may be modified only upon mutual written agreement of the parties or by court order based on a substantial change in circumstances affecting the children's best interests.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION:**

The parties agree to attempt to resolve disputes related to this Parenting Plan through mediation before seeking judicial intervention.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

1. Both parents shall maintain a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for the children. 2. Neither parent shall expose the children to harmful behavior or conflict between the parties. 3. Both parents acknowledge the importance of the children's relationship with the other parent and agree to encourage and support that relationship. 4. This Plan is intended to be legally binding and enforceable under the laws of the State of Maryland.

**PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE**

**RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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