Sample Parenting Plan

STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** **COUNTY**
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

In re the Marriage of:

_____ Case No:_____

Petitioner,

and

_____

Respondent.

PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN FOR ☐ MOTHER ☐ FATHER

INTRODUCTION — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Wisconsin Law requires that a Parenting Plan be completed whenever there is a dispute regarding custody and/or placement of children. Wis. Stats 767.41(1m) & Wis. Stats. 767.451(6m)
The purpose of this document is to provide custody/placement information to the Court, the other parent, attorneys, and other professionals involved in your case including the mediator, Family Court Social Worker, and Guardian *Ad Litem*, etc.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE FILED WITH THE COURT AND WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC REVIEW UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT.

IF THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE OTHER PARENT'S PARENTING PLAN. Wis. Stats. 767.41(im).

This parenting plan is submitted for the following purpose:

As a ☐ TEMPORARY PARENTING PLAN as to custody and/or placement
As a ☐ PERMANENT PARENTING PLAN as to custody and/or placement
As a ☐ PARTIAL PARENTING PLAN as to custody and/or placement

1. CHILDREN:

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH

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NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH

2. CHILDREN'S CURRENT SCHOOL/PRESCHOOL:

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE

3. CHILDREN'S CURRENT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS:

Doctor/Pediatrician/Clinic_____

_____

Eye/Optometrist_____

_____

Dentist/Orthodontist_____

_____

Insurance/Health plan_____

_____

Other_____

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOTHER:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

IMPORTANT NOTE: The next few questions require your address and your workplace. If you believe that you have been the victim of domestic abuse by the other parent or you have been the victim of battery by the other parent, you may substitute for your address, a general description of your residence, and your workplace. If you already have a domestic violence injunction, please attach a copy of the injunction to this Parenting Plan. You must advise the Court that you have a concern about possible violence if you do not provide your current address and job. Wis. Stats. 767.41(1m).

A. Mother currently lives at_____

_____

If mother intends to move in the next two (2) years, where and when the move will take place _____

_____

B. Optional. Mother's telephone number at home is_____
Optional. Mother's telephone number at work is_____

C. Mother is currently employed at_____

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Mother's current days and hours of employment are_____

[If any employment changes may take place in the near future (shift, hours, or employer), please list the changes and the dates of change.]_____

5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE FATHER:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

IMPORTANT NOTE: The next few questions require your address and your workplace. If you believe that you have been the victim of domestic abuse by the other parent or you have been the victim of battery by the other parent, you may substitute for your address, a general description of your residence, and your workplace. If you already have a domestic violence injunction, please attach a copy of the injunction to this Parenting Plan. You must advise the Court that you have a concern about possible violence if you do not provide your current address and job. Wis. Stats. 767.41(1m).

A. Father currently lives at_____

If father intends to move in the next two (2) years, where and when the move will take place _____

B. Optional. Father's telephone number at home is_____
Optional. Father's telephone number at work is_____

C. Father is currently employed at_____

Father's current days and hours of employment are_____

[If any employment changes may take place in the near future (shift, hours, or employer), please list the changes and the dates of change.]_____

6. LEGAL CUSTODY:

Legal custody is the ability to make major decisions for the child(ren). These decisions include the right to marry before the age 18, the right to enter the military service, as well as medical, educational, and religious decisions, etc.

Joint Legal Custody means major decision making is shared between the parents.

Sole Legal Custody gives the custodial parent the right to make the major decisions for the child(ren) even if the other parent does not agree. If sole legal custody is requested, explain to the Court why you believe joint legal custody is not the best for the child(ren).

Legal custody of the child(ren) should be granted as follows:

☐ Joint custody to both parents ☐ The other parent ☐ Solely to me

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☐ If you believe the children should be separated from each other, which parent should have custody of which child(ren)?

_____
_____
_____

In many separated families, parents agree on most decisions but have disagreements on some issues. The Court has the power to order joint custody in general but may also make orders about which parent has control on a particular issue. You may decide that one parent should make all the major decisions. You may decide that you and the other parent will jointly make all major decisions. The third option is to list the major areas of decision making and to decide which parent will have decision-making control for an issue.

Major decisions regarding each child(ren) shall be made as follows:

Education (Parochial vs. Private)	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
School	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
Child-care provider	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
Non-emerg. health care	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
Religious upbringing	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
Driving	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
Marriage	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
_____	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
_____	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint
_____	☐	Mother	☐	Father	☐	Joint

7. PLACEMENT:

PHYSICAL PLACEMENT is where the child(ren) is at any given time. The party with physical placement is responsible for everyday decisions. Day-to-day decisions include minor discipline, curfew, allowance, day-to-day decisions about clothing or hygiene during the time the child(ren) is with you, etc. Regardless of who makes day-to-day decisions, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren).

a. PROPOSED PRESCHOOL PLACEMENT SCHEDULE

☐ There are no child(ren) of preschool age.

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☐ The child(ren) shall have placement with both parents on a 50/50 basis as follows:

_____
_____
_____

☐ The child(ren) shall have placement with the ☐ mother ☐ father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) shall have placement with the other parent as follows:

[Day and Time] _____ to [Day and Time]

_____
_____

☐ every week ☐ every other week ☐ other:_____

_____

[Day and Time] _____ to [Day and Time]

_____
_____

☐ every week ☐ every other week ☐ other:_____

_____

☐ reasonable times upon reasonable notice.

b. SCHOOL SCHEDULE

☐ The school schedule will start when each child(ren) begins

☐ 4 yr. old kindergarten ☐ 5 yr. old kindergarten ☐ first grade

☐ Other:_____

☐ There are no child(ren) of school age.

☐ The child(ren) shall have placement with both parents on a 50/50 basis as follows:

_____
_____
_____

The child(ren) shall have placement with the ☐ mother ☐ father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) shall have placement with the other parent:

[Day and Time] _____ to [Day and Time]

_____
_____

☐ every week ☐ every other week ☐ other:_____

_____

[Day and Time] _____ to [Day and Time]

_____
_____

☐ every week ☐ every other week ☐ other:_____

_____

☐ reasonable times upon reasonable notice.

c. SUMMER SCHEDULE

☐ The child(ren) shall have placement with both parents on a 50/50 basis as follows:

_____
_____

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Upon completion of the school year, the child(ren) shall have placement with the ☐ mother ☐ father, except for the following days and times when the child(ren) will have placement with the other parent:

☐ Same as school year schedule.

☐ Other: _____

☐ Reasonable times upon reasonable notice.

d. SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAY VACATIONS

The placement schedule of the child(ren) for the holidays listed below is as follows: (Please put "M" for Mother or "F" for Father in the even or odd year.)

HOLIDAY	TIME	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
New Year's Eve			
New Year's Day			
Martin Luther King			
Easter Sunday			
Mother's Day			
Memorial Day			
Father's Day			
July 4th			
Labor Day			
Halloween			
Thanksgiving Day			
Christmas Eve			
Christmas Day			
Spring break			
Winter break			
Child's birthday			
Father's vacation			
Mother's vacation			
Father's birthday			
Mother's birthday			

☐ Whenever a Friday or a Monday is a school holiday or legal holiday, the adjoining weekend shall be extended to include the holiday.

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☐ Other: _____
_____

e. PRIORITIES UNDER THE PLACEMENT SCHEDULE
☐ Does not apply.
☐ For purposes of this parenting plan the following days shall have priority:
☐ Parent's vacations shall have priority over holidays.
☐ Holidays shall have priority over the regular placement schedule.
☐ Other: _____
_____

f. EXTRACURRICULAR AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
☐ The parties will jointly make the final decision regarding extracurricular and recreational activities.

☐ The ☐ mother ☐ father (check one) will have the right to make all decisions concerning extracurricular and recreational activities for the child(ren).
☐ Each parent has final decision making for activities that occur only during that parent's parenting time.

g. CONTACT
☐ Mother ☐ Father shall assist the child(ren) in maintaining contact with the other parent by (check all that apply):
☐ Direct contact through periods of placement
☐ Telephone contact
☐ Cards/letters
☐ E-mail
☐ Other _____
_____

h. SAFETY
☐ Neither parent shall operate a vehicle when under the influence of alcohol nor use non-prescription or mood-altering prescription drugs when the child(ren) are in the vehicle.
☐ Neither parent shall leave the child(ren) under age _____ unattended at any time.
☐ Neither parent shall use, nor allow anyone else to use, physical discipline with the child(ren).
☐ All contact between the child(ren) and _____(name) shall be supervised by_____(name)
☐ Neither parent shall allow the child(ren) to be in the presence of _____
_____

i. MISCELLANEOUS
☐ Each parent shall inform the other parent of any change of business or residential address and/or phone number in advance OR within _____days/weeks of the change.

☐ Both parents agree that each will promptly inform the other of any emergency or other important event that involves the child(ren).

☐ Both parents will consult each other and work out an agreement regarding any extra activity of the child(ren) that affects the child(ren)'s access to the other parent.

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☐ Both parents agree that all communications regarding the child(ren) will be between the parents and that they will not use the child(ren) to convey information or to set up placement changes.

☐ Both parents agree that they will not belittle or criticize the other parent in front of the child(ren).

☐ Both parents agree that should either of them travel overnight with the child(ren), that parent will keep the other parent informed of travel plans, address(es), and telephone number(s) where that parent and the child(ren) can be reached.

☐ Both parents may participate in school conferences, events, and activities, and may consult with teachers and other school personnel.

☐ Both parents agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the child(ren), to cooperate on health matters pertaining to the child(ren), to keep each other informed as to names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care practitioners, and to keep each other reasonably informed.

☐ OTHER TERMS: (Add any other items regarding the child(ren) you want included in your parenting plan)._____

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8. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

The physical transfer of the child(ren) for placements shall be as follows:

☐ All transportation to and from placements will be provided by the ☐ mother ☐ father

☐ Transportation will be shared:

☐ Parent with the child(ren) shall deliver. ☐ Parent without child(ren) shall pick up.

☐ Transfers of child(ren) shall take place:

☐ Parent's home ☐ Halfway point: _____

☐ Other location: _____

Battery/domestic violence ☐ is ☐ is not an issue in this relationship.

If domestic violence is an issue in this relationship, complete the following:

In order to ensure the safety of the child(ren) and/or parent, transfers of the child(ren) between the parents shall be:

☐ Monitored by an agency (name of agency): _____

☐ At a neutral public site (name and location): _____

☐ At the home of the following person (name and location):_____

_____

☐ Other: _____

_____

9. RELIGIOUS UPBRINGING:

The purpose of this question is to determine whether there are any serious disagreements about religious issues.

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☐ The child(ren) shall be raised in the following religion: _____

_____

☐ No religious affiliation is planned.

10. SCHOOL SELECTION:

If a change is proposed relative to the child(ren)'s school, where do you propose that the child(ren) will go to school: _____

How will the child(ren)'s educational expenses be paid:_____

_____

11. MEDICAL/DENTAL/OPTOMETRIC CARE AND EXPENSES:

If a change from the current arrangement is proposed, what doctor, dentist, or health care facility will provide care for the child(ren)? _____

_____

Medical, dental, and optometric insurance for the child(ren) will be provided by:
☐ mother ☐ father

Uninsured medical/dental, optometric expenses shall be:
☐ paid by me
☐ paid by the other parent
☐ shared equally by both of us
☐ Other: _____

12. CHILD CARE:

Child care will be provided by: _____

_____

_____

☐ When a parent intends to leave the child(ren) in the care of someone else for a period of overnight or longer, the other parent shall be given the first choice to provide such care.

☐ The child(ren) do not require child care.

☐ The cost of child care (if needed) will be paid by:

☐ mother ☐ father ☐ shared equally by both

☐ Other: _____

13. CHILD SUPPORT:

How much do you suggest the other parent will pay for child support to start this parenting plan?

The ☐ mother ☐ father shall be responsible for child support as follows:

☐ as required by the state support guidelines

☐ Other: _____

14. RESOLVING DISAGREEMENTS:

If there are disagreements between the parents on issues where the Court has ordered joint decisions, the disagreements will be resolved as follows: (check all that apply)

☐ The parent who has primary physical placement will decide.

☐ The parent who has actual physical placement at the time of the disagreement will decide.

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☐ The parents will request assistance from friends, relatives, clergy, counselors, or others who can be neutral and fair. The following person(s) are suggested to serve as a third-party neutral(s): _____
☐ Contact the _____ County Family Court Mediation program.
☐ Other: _____
The cost of this process shall be allocated between the parties as follows:
_____ Mother _____ Father
☐ The counseling, mediation, or arbitration process shall be commenced by notifying the other party by:
☐ written request ☐ certified mail ☐ Other: _____
☐ A written record shall be prepared of any agreement reached in counseling or mediation and shall be provided to each party.

OTHER PROVISIONS

☐ There are no other provisions.
☐ There are the following other provisions:_____
_____

YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH EVERYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT.

_____
Signature

_____
Date