

CUSTODY INTAKE

Name

Address

Home phone

Business phone

Cell phone(s)

fax

e-mail(s)

Social Security #

other contacts

length of marriage (present; and priors)

Describe your educational background

Describe your Work history

Describe your current employment, including duties, hours, rate of pay and benefits?

Date of divorce & reason for divorce

Kids' names:

Ages:

DOB:

SS#:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Ages of children at divorce

Describe custody/visitation terms of initial divorce

Entered by agreement or judicial determination?

If by agreement, what thinking motivated the custody\visitation terms?

How did each child handle divorce?

1.

2.

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- e. The willingness and ability of each parent to facilitate and encourage a close and continuing relationship between the other parent and the child.

- f. The moral fitness of the parents, as that fitness impacts the child.

- g. The mental and physical health of the parents, as that health impacts the child.

- h. The home, school and community record of the child and the potential effect of any change.

- i. If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that a child is of sufficient maturity to make a sound judgment, the court may give substantial weight to the preference of the mature child. The court also shall give due consideration to other factors that may have affected the child's preference, including whether the child's preference was based on undesirable or improper influences. (If known to you, what are each child's custody/visitation preferences?)

- j. Evidence of domestic violence. In awarding primary residential responsibility or granting rights of parenting time, the court shall consider evidence of domestic violence. If the court finds credible evidence that domestic violence has occurred, and there exists one incident of domestic violence which resulted in serious bodily injury or involved the use of a dangerous weapon or there exists a pattern of domestic violence within a reasonable time proximate to the proceeding, this combination creates a rebuttable presumption that a parent who has perpetrated domestic violence may not be awarded sole or joint custody of a child. This presumption may be overcome only by clear and convincing evidence that the best interests of the child require that parent's participation as a custodial parent. The court shall cite specific findings of fact to show that the primary residential responsibility or parenting time arrangement best protects the child and the parent or other family or household member who is the victim of domestic violence. If necessary to protect the welfare of the child, primary residential responsibility may be awarded to a suitable third person, provided that the person would not allow access to a violent parent except as ordered by the court. If the court awards primary residential responsibility to a third person, the court shall give priority to the child's nearest suitable adult relative. The fact that the abused parent suffers from the effects of the abuse may not be grounds for denying that parent custody. As used in this subdivision, "domestic violence" means domestic violence as defined in [section 14-07.1-01](#). A court may consider, but is not bound by, a finding of domestic violence in another proceeding under chapter 14-07.1. (Describe all incidents of domestic violence between any family members, in either household, in detail, with dates, and provide information and documents re arrests and convictions):

- k. The interaction and interrelationship, or the potential for interaction and interrelationship, of the child with any person who resides in, is present, or frequents the household of a parent and who may significantly affect the child's best interests. The court shall consider that person's history of inflicting, or tendency to inflict, physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault, on other persons.

- l. The making of false allegations not made in good faith, by one parent against the other, of harm to a child as defined in [section 50-25.1-02](#). (this has to do with false reports to the police and/or social services)

- m. Any other factors considered by the court to be relevant to a particular child custody dispute.

Joint decision making....do you favor it or not and why?

What should the other's parenting time be (be detailed, including times, defining holiday and summer periods, and how travel and transfers should be arranged)?

Assuming you are not granted primary residential responsibility, what should your parenting time with the children be (again, be detailed, including times, defining holiday and summer periods, and how travel and transfers should be arranged)?

Why do you believe the other party opposes your primary residential responsibility position?

For purposes of this document "shared primary residential responsibility" means that the children spend half of their time with each parent. With respect to your children, do you favor or disfavor a shared primary residential responsibility arrangement, and why?

Do you support your children's relationship with the other parent and, if so, how?

Does the other parent support the children's relationship with you? If so, how? If not, give examples.

Focusing more on recent times, which of you has been the children's "primary caretaker"? As age-appropriate, in which proportion do the parties tend to the following caretaking chores:

rousting children in the morning

getting children dressed

fixing breakfast

packing lunches

fixing lunch, dinner, supper

doing homework

reading stories, books

bathing children

toilet training

tucking kids in at night

buying children's clothes

haircuts

parent-teacher conferences

participate in or attend school\extracurricular activities

driving children to school and extracurricular activities

participates in school and extracurricular activities

arranges for children's socialization (time with peers)

stays home when children are sick

takes kids to doctors, dentists and such

takes children to church and church functions

Describe the quality of your relationship with each of your children (separately)

Describe the quality of the other parent's relationship with each of your children (separately)

Describe your and the other parent's availability to\for the children (ie., who has the most time for them and why).

What are your thoughts and approaches to discipline and how do they differ from the other parent's?

What is the quality of each of your children's relationships with significant others, including:

siblings:

step-parents\significant others

your or the other parents friends

maternal grandparents

paternal grandparents

aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

If the sexual conduct of the other party is an issue with you, please explain:

Are the children aware of that conduct?

How many sexual partners has the other had and in what period of time?

Have the children witnessed any sexual conduct?

How?

Have the children described discomfort with such behavior?

Describe each of the children's educational progress and performance

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Do any of your children have any special needs and, if so, describe them?

Have any of your children experienced any significant\relevant health or medical events and, if so, describe them?

Have any of the children expressed to you any living arrangement preference and, if so, describe them and, in the process comment on the following:

basis for the preference

strength of preference

how long has preference been held

has the preference changed

how does the child feel about talking to lawyers and\or the judge

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What are your strengths as a parent?

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What are the other parent's strengths as a parent?

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Within the last five years have you seen any kind of mental health professional and, if so, please provide such person's current name, address and phone number and give a detailed description of the reason for the counseling, the content of the counseling, whether medications were prescribed, and when the counseling terminated?

What would you like me to know about the other parent's mental health history?

Please give me the names, address and phone numbers of the following (specifying to which child they relate):

children's doctors\pediatricians

children's teachers

children's school counselors

children's best friend

What extracurricular activities does each child participate in:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Provide a brief description of each of your children, including their personalities and interests:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Have you spoken to your children about the primary residential responsibility conflict and, if so, how have you done so and with what frequency?

Has the other parent spoken to your children about the conflict and, if so, how has he\she done so and with what frequency?

Are you at all upset at the manner in which the other parent has exposed your children to, or involved them in, this primary residential responsibility conflict and, if so, explain:

How communicative and cooperative are you and the other parent? Describe:

Do you have any examples of incidents where you were disappointed that the other parent was not more communicative and cooperative with you? If so, please share them?

To what extent do you believe any of the other's "faults"---provide as much detail as possible--should be considered in this dispute, including but not limited to:

criminal convictions

arrests

drug use (legal and\or illegal) alcohol use

mental illness

domestic abuse\violence harassment

gambling

spendthrift behavior

homosexuality

unusual sexual practices

other

Providing names, address and phone numbers, what witnesses do you feel are extremely important to this parenting investigation and why?

What information do you want me to know that you have not already provided herein?