

## Parenting Plan Outline

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
the parents of

**Child 1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 3 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### Decision Making

1. Who has responsibility for making the day-to-day decisions.
2. How major decisions are made and by whom.
3. How disputes will be resolved in the future

### Parenting Schedule

#### Day-to-day Schedule

4. Day-to-day parenting schedule
5. Details of exchanging parenting time.
6. How a parent can contact the children when they are with the other parent.
7. Method used to make changes to this schedule and amount of notice required.
8. Child care (regular and occasional). The circumstances in which one parent will first contact the other when requiring occasional child care.
9. Extracurricular activities schedule and responsibilities of each parent with regard to the activities.

#### Holidays and Special Occasions

10. Calendar holidays
11. Summer vacation
12. Birthdays and other family events
13. School holidays

#### Travel

14. Expectations regarding communication and limitations for travel with the child(ren) outside the city, province, and/or country.
15. Passport arrangements

### **Mobility**

16. Any decisions regarding if or how a parent may move with the child(ren).

### **Communication**

17. How information about the children is to be shared.
18. Guidelines for communication between the parents.

### **Involvement of Significant Others**

19. How people who have a significant relationship with the child(ren) will be included in the children's live (ie. Grandparents, step-siblings).
20. Introduction of new partners.

## **Financial Support of the Children**

### **Child Support — Basic Child Support**

21. Information used to calculate child support such as amount of annual income that has been either verified or agreed to.
22. Basic child support amount — either based on the Federal Child Support Guidelines or a statement that the parties have agreed to deviate from the Guidelines. Rationale for deviation should be included if parties so choose.
23. Payment schedule/date
24. Start date of payments
25. When child support will be concluded or reviewed
26. Method of payment (i.e. Post-dated cheques, email transfers, MEP)
27. Registration with Maintenance Enforcement Program or Child Support Recalculation Program

### **Child Support – Special Expenses**

28. Section 7 expenses — what is and what is not extraordinary as defined by the parents or how they will make these decisions;
29. method of payment including receipting and/or MEP
30. Review date for reassessing child support amounts

### **Other**

31. Special/unusual financial arrangements for the children