

Parenting Partnership Agreement

Prepared for: _____

PARENTING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the parents named below that is intended to address all of our legal rights and obligations relating to the child(ren) identified below. We, the parents, agree that it is best for our child(ren) that we determine how we will parent them following our separation and that the terms below are in our child(ren)'s best interests.

It is our intention to submit this agreement to the Court in any legal proceeding to determine our parenting rights and obligations. We both want the Court to adopt this agreement in its entirety.

SECTION 1 - PARENTS

Mother's Legal Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Father's Legal Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

We both agree to keep each other updated of any changes to any of this information, in each instance immediately upon any change, or as soon as practicable.

SECTION 2 - Child(ren)

Name	Date of Birth	Gender

SECTION 3 - JURISDICTION

The United States is the country of habitual residence of the child(ren).

The State of Florida is the child(ren)'s home state for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. This document is intended to be the basis of a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980, and for all other state and federal laws.

SECTION 4 - PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY & DECISION MAKING

A. Shared Decision-Making for Major Decisions.

We are going to make decisions about our children as co- parents, together, and always with our child(ren)'s best interests as the most important guiding concern. These decisions include all important decisions affecting the welfare of our child(ren), such as decisions about the child(ren)'s education, healthcare, mental health and life-enriching activities. Neither of us will have a superior right or authority when it comes to co-parenting our children. We will treat each other as equals and we will make sure our child(ren) see us as equals to the best of our ability. We will never involve our children in any disputes that we may have about them because we understand how damaging this could be for our children.

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B. How We Will Resolve Disagreements.

If we are ever unable to resolve a disagreement then we will immediately seek professional advice from the most qualified person that is reasonably available to us. This could be a doctor, educator, mental health professional, or someone else that can assist us in properly and diligently considering all of the information that is relevant to any decision. We will try to always keep open minds and respect each other, even when we disagree.

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C. Day-to-Day Decision-Making.

Nothing here is intended to interfere with our respective rights to make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of our child(ren) while the child(ren) are with us. Similarly, we both are allowed to make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren) if such a decision is ever necessary. If there is ever such an emergency, then we both commit to notify each other of the situation as soon as reasonably possible.

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D. Extra-curricular Activities.

We agree that extracurricular activities are very important for the development of our child(ren) in many respects. We will discuss all proposed extracurricular activities with each other, and these are the things we agree are important to consider:

- ☐ The child's preference
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ Practicality of the schedule
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Required Equipment
- ☐ Academic performance
- ☐ Travel schedule
- ☐ Other

Details:

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E. Sharing Information/Important Records.

We both will have equal access to all important information about our child(ren). We will each take care to ensure that anytime we have the opportunity to list the other parent's name on any form, we will do so because it is our intention to both be listed as authorized parties/contacts/recipients for all medical, school and other records pertaining to our child(ren). We also will try our best to always share any information that we obtain anytime we independently consult with any and all professionals involved with the child(ren). If we are able to do so, we also will seek and provide to each other copies of important records we receive. Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the child(ren). Both of us will have equal and independent authority to confer with the child(ren)'s school, day care, health care providers, and other programs with regard to the child(ren)'s educational, emotional, and social progress.

Both of us will always be listed as "emergency contacts" for the child(ren).

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F. Communication.

We agree and understand that communication is critical to good co-parenting. We also agree and understand that communications regarding our child(ren) should be between the two of us and should be between us, as parents. Neither of us will ever use a child as a messenger to convey information, ask questions, or set up schedule changes. We agree to communicate freely with each other in a respectful manner using the methods of communication we historically have used, which include email, phone, and/or text message. If we ever have an issue communicating or keeping track of our communications we will employ a communication tool intended to keep a record of our communications so we can refer back to them.

We also agree that we will immediately use a calendaring tool so that we can have equal and open access to a calendar that shows all of our child(ren)'s important dates, events and activities.

We further agree and understand that our child(ren) deserve(s) to have communication with both of us whenever reasonable, which is not more than once or twice on most days. We each will ensure that our child(ren) has/have regular contact with the other parent in a manner that does not interfere with time sharing and routines. We agree that contact is important, but so is a certain amount of independence, so contact should not be repetitive, unnecessarily lengthy or overly emotional. We also agree that a

five-minute or less phone call with a child typically is sufficient absent some unusual circumstance that would require a longer call.

If we are providing our child(ren) with a communication device, it will be provided and paid for as follows:

- ☐ Paid by Father
- ☐ Paid by Mother
- ☐ Split Equally
- ☐ Other

Other Details:

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G. Child Care.

We agree that the selection of individuals to care for our child(ren) is very important and that we each should be given consideration in this selection. We will try our best to use the same child care providers so that our child(ren) has/have consistency and safety. We also agree that if either of us is ever going to be unavailable overnight to care for our child(ren), we will give the other parent the opportunity to care for the child(ren) during that time. We also agree that we will give respect to each other's wishes and concerns regarding the child(ren) spending overnights at other people's/children's homes, but that neither of us has the right to dictate how the child's social life will be while the child(ren) is/are at the other parent's home. We also both agree that the child(ren)'s relationships with extended family members is important and that having the child(ren) spend time overnight with extended family members is not a violation of anyone's rights.

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SECTION 5 - TIME SHARING SCHEDULE

A. Scheduling and Our Calendar

We will exchange any school and extracurricular activity calendars as soon as we are able to after receiving them. We both acknowledge how important it is for us both to understand our child(ren)'s schedules. We are going to follow the dates set forth on our child(ren)'s school calendars when it comes to understanding academic breaks from school. We agree that academic breaks shall begin at the end of the last scheduled day of classes before the break and shall end when our child(ren) is/are returned to school on the first day of regularly scheduled classes after the holiday or break.

We agree that some flexibility will be required of both of us and that it is very important that we show each other respect both in asking for flexibility and in granting flexibility. We also understand that maintaining a routine is the best possible thing for our child(ren), so we will each do our best to avoid asking for schedule changes on a regular basis just to accommodate our own personal needs. In other words, we each acknowledge that flexibility should only be required on occasion when circumstances arise that are simply beyond our control, and not as a matter of personal or selfish convenience. If either of us asks for a change to the schedule, we commit to do that as soon as possible after the need to make the request arises. We also both agree that if the schedule change causes the other person to incur a child care expense, that expense will be paid by the person asking for the change, which is simply a matter of fairness.

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B. Weekday and Weekend Schedule (Please choose one of the options (A, B, C or D))

Our regular weekday and weekend time sharing schedule will be as follows:

☐ **A. 2, 2, 5**

With this option, one parent always has Monday and Tuesday overnight and the other parent always has Wednesday and Thursday overnight. The weekends (Friday-Sunday) alternate.

Details:

☐ **B. 2, 2, 3**

With this option, the parents alternate who has Monday/Tuesday overnight and who has Wednesday/Thursday overnight every week. So in the first week, a parent has Monday and Tuesday overnight and then in the following week, that same parent has Wednesday and Thursday overnight. The weekends (Friday-Monday) alternate.

Details:

☐ **C. 7, 7**

Each parent has an entire week. The exchange can take place any day of the week. If the parents wish, they can each have an intervening dinner or overnight.

Details:

☐ **D. Other**

Details:

C. Travel or Work Restrictions

Each child of ours will have a passport and we will cooperate in signing all documents and taking such actions as may be necessary to obtain the passport(s) and keep them current. Each parent shall be entitled to have a copy of any current passport(s) at all times.

The passport(s) shall be held by _____ when not in use for travel purposes.

If the other parent needs to possess the passport(s) for an upcoming trip, then the passports shall be given to the traveling parent at least 10 days before the trip is to begin. The passport(s) shall be returned to the other parent, if applicable, within three days of returning from any such trip.

Additional travel related details:

D. Holiday Schedule

Our holiday time sharing schedule, which will take precedence over our regular weekday, weekend, and summer schedules, will be as follows:

HOLIDAY	EVERY YEAR	EVEN YEAR	ODD YEARS	START/END TIMES
Mother's Day				
Father's Day				
President's Day				
MLK Day				
Easter				
Memorial Day Weekend				
4th of July				
Labor Day Weekend				
Columbus Day Weekend				

Halloween				
Thanksgiving				
Christman				
Child's Birthday				

We understand that our holiday schedule may affect our regular schedule from time to time and it is our intention to minimize the negative impact of this on our child(ren)'s regular routine. If our holiday schedule would result in one of us having the child(ren) for three weekends in a row, then we will exchange the third weekend, so that we each end up having two weekends in a row, after which we will resume the regular alternating weekend pattern that was ongoing before the holiday. Also, if either of us has the child(ren) on a weekend immediately before or after an unspecified holiday or non-school day (e.g. a teacher's work day or a Monday holiday like President's Day), then that holiday or non-school day shall just attach to that weekend.

Winter Break Schedule

We will share time during the child(ren)'s winter break from school as follows:

- ☐ OPTION A - Keep the same schedule as set forth above.
- ☐ OPTION B - Divide the entire break equally at agreed mid-point. We will select the midpoint as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving the school calendar each year.
- ☐ OPTION C - Divide the 48 hours starting at noon on 24th of December until noon on 26th of December, with one parent having the first 24 hours and the other having the second 24 hours.

Additional Details:

Spring Break Schedule

We will share time during the child(ren)'s spring break from school as follows:

- ☐ OPTION A - Keep the same schedule as set forth above.
- ☐ OPTION B - Alternate entire break (one year Parent 1, next year Parent 2)
- ☐ OPTION C - Divide the break in half. The parent whose regularly scheduled weekend coincides with the beginning of spring break shall have the first half of the spring break, and the other parent shall have the second half.

Spring Break Details:

Spring Break Schedule

We will share time during the child(ren)'s summer break from school as follows:

- ☐ OPTION A - Keep the same schedule as set forth above.
- ☐ OPTION B - Change the plan to one of the other time sharing methods
- ☐ OPTION C - Divide the break in half. The parent whose regularly scheduled weekend coincides with the beginning of spring break shall have the first half of the spring break, and the other parent shall have the second half.

Summer Break Details:

Spring Extended Vacation

We agree that we each will be entitled to additional vacation time with the child(ren) as set forth below.

Every year, each of the parents shall be entitled to take the child(ren) on an uninterrupted vacation during the summer break for:

- ☐ 1 Week
- ☐ 2 Weeks
- ☐ No extended vacations

Are the weeks able to be consecutive?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

The parents shall share with each other their desired weeks each year by no later than March 15. If there is a conflict between the parents' choices, then the Mother shall have first choice if it is an even-numbered year and the Father shall have first choice if it is an odd-numbered choice. If either parent fails to communicate his/her desired choices by March 15, then such parent forfeits his/her right to have first choice, if applicable. If either parent fails to communicate his/her desired choices by April 15, then he/she waives his/her right to this extended summer vacation time sharing for that calendar year.

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E. Number of Overnights

Based on the timesharing schedule, the Mother has how many overnights per year:

Based on the timesharing schedule, the Father has how many overnights per year:

F. Transportation and Exchange

Exchange transportation shall be provided by the parent:

- ☐ Starting Time Sharing
- ☐ Ending Time Sharing

Consistent with our desire to always respect each other, especially in front of the children, we will always try our best to have the child(ren) ready on time, with sufficient clothing packed and ready at the agreed upon time of exchange. If either of us is going to be more than 15 minutes late, we will text or call the other parent to let them know. If this causes a need for flexibility on occasion, then flexibility will be given. If this becomes a recurring problem, then we will seek professional advice on how to stop it. Exchanges will be at school, camp, activities or the parents' homes, as we will agree from time to time depending on our child(ren)'s needs and schedules.

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G. Foreign Travel

Either of us may travel with the child(ren) during timesharing.

The parent traveling with the child(ren) will provide to the other parent written notice before taking the child(ren) out of state at least this many days in advance:

We agree to provide a reasonably detailed itinerary with locations and phone numbers where the children can be reached during trip this many days in advance:

SECTION 5 - EDUCATION

We agree that the education of our child(ren) is one of the most important things we must agree on.

In the event the child(ren) attend public school, the parent whose address shall be designated for school boundary purposes is:

☐ Mother

☐ Father

We agree that we will abide by the following regarding private or home schooling:

Details:

Conclusion & Signatures

A. Designation for other legal purposes

The child(ren) named in this document are scheduled to reside with the parents for the amounts of time set forth above. If either parent has "majority" timesharing, this designation is SOLELY for purposes of state and federal laws which require such a designation. This designation does not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities as parent hereunder.

B. Relocation

Neither of us will relocate the child(ren)'s residence more than this many minutes from the landmark selected below without the other parent's written agreement or a court order:

The landmark used for relocation distance shall be:

SIGNATURES

I certify that I have been open and honest in entering into this agreement, that this agreement resolves all of our parenting rights and obligations and that I am signing below of my own free will and accord. I have entered into this agreement because I believe it is in the best interests of my child(ren). I am satisfied with this agreement and intend to be legally bound by it.

Mother's Signature

Mother's Name

Today's Date:

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Father's Signature

Father's Name

Today's Date:
