

# CUSTODY WORKSHEET

Please complete this questionnaire. If you spend the time to complete all items, you will give us the background information necessary to begin to understand the complexity of the personal aspects of your case. All information will be held in strict confidence.

1. If you want the children to reside primarily with you, in fifty words or less, please state why.

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2. With whom do the children currently reside?

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3. Period of time in which this living arrangement has been in effect?

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4. Names and addresses of schools children attend, dates attended and name of teacher or principal, at the school, who is familiar with the child(ren).

Child(ren)'s name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and/or Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and/or Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

*Continue for each child*

**Care of the Children**

To the extent that both you and your spouse or ex-spouse have shared the responsibilities listed below, describe the degree to which the responsibilities have been shared.

- 1. Who helps the children get dressed in the morning?  
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- 2. Who bathes the children and grooms them?  
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- 3. Are any of the children nursing?  
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- 4. Who takes care of the children during the day?  
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- 5. Who arranges for getting the children together with playmates?  
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- 6. Who puts the children to bed at night?  
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- 7. Who prepares the meals?  
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- 8. Who arranges for medical and dental care and takes the children to their appointments?  
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- 9. Who takes the children to school?  
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10. Who picks the children up from school?  
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11. Who shops for the children's clothes?  
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12. Who transports the children to extracurricular activities?  
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13. Do you or your spouse participate in recreational or educational activities with your children?  
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14. Describe the nature of the activities and how often you and your spouse or ex-spouse participate in them.  
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15. Do the children receive religious training?  
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16. If yes, from whom?  
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17. Who arranges the children's birthday parties?  
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18. Who helps the children with their homework?  
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19. Who attends parent-teacher conferences?  
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20. Do you feel that the children are closer to you or your spouse or ex-spouse?

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21. Are the children in a daycare or with a sitter?

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22. If yes, how many hours per week?

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23. Please state the name, address and telephone number of the daycare or sitter?

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24. Who arranges for the daycare or sitter?

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25. Who cares for the children when they are ill?

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26. Who disciplines the children?

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27. By what method?

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28. Has the division of responsibility for child care changed over the years?

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29. If yes, please describe?

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**Time available to spend with the children and plans for their future care**

1. What are your working hours?  
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2. What time do you leave home?  
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3. When do you return?  
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4. Do you have flexible working hours?  
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5. Does your work require travel?  
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6. If yes, what distances, length of time gone and frequency?  
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7. Is your work schedule likely to change in the future?  
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8. What are your plans for childcare?  
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9. Describe your housing arrangement including number of bedrooms?  
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10. What are your spouse's or ex-spouse's working hours?  
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11. What time does your spouse or ex-spouse leave home?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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12. When does your spouse or ex-spouse return?  
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- 13. Are your spouse's or ex-spouse's working hours flexible?  
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- 14. Does your spouse's or ex-spouse's work require travel?  
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- 15. If yes, what distances, length of time gone and frequency?  
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- 16. Is your spouse's or ex-spouse's work schedule likely to change in the future?  
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- 17. What are your spouse's or ex-spouse's plans for child care?  
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- 18. Describe your spouse's or ex-spouse's housing arrangement including number of bedrooms?  
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**Special Needs of the Children:**

- 1. Do the children have any special or unusual educational or health care needs?  
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- 2. If yes, please describe them?  
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- 3. Who has worked to meet those needs?  
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- 4. Are you or your spouse or ex-spouse better able to meet those needs?  
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5. Has the children's academic performances changed in the last few years or months?

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6. If yes, what is the reason for the change?

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**Interference with Other Parent's Relationship with Children:**

1. Have you or your ex-spouse interfered with the child's relationship with the other parent or spoken badly about the other parent to the child?

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2. If yes, please explain:

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3. Have you or your ex-spouse blocked the other parent's visitation with the children?

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4. If yes, please explain, giving dates and frequency with which visitation was blocked?

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5. Have you or your ex-spouse discouraged the child from having a good relationship with a step-parent or a significant person in the other parent's life?

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6. If yes, please explain:

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**Cooperation Between You and Your Spouse or Ex-spouse:**

1. How well have you and your spouse or ex-spouse been able to cooperate on matters concerning the children and on matters concerning visitation or access to the children?

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2. To what extent do you and your spouse or ex-spouse share values regarding how the children should be raised, what type of education they should have, and what type of religious training they should have?

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**Frequency of Moves and Plans to Move:**

1. Have you or your ex-spouse moved in the last ten years?

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2. If yes, when and where? (Please include moves in the same city)

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3. Do you or your spouse or ex-spouse plan to move in the near future?

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4. If yes, when and where?

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5. Does the parent who is not moving oppose the move?

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6. Why?

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**Children's Preferences:**

1. Have the children told you with whom they want to live?  
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2. If yes, what is the basis for the preference?  
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3. How strong is the preference?  
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4. How long has the preference been held?  
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5. Has the preference changed?  
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6. How would you feel about the children talking to the judge regarding their preferences?  
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**Children's Relationship with Other Family Members:**

1. How do the children get along with each other?  
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2. How do the children get along with step-parents?

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3. How do the children get along with stepbrothers and stepsisters?

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4. Do the children have a particularly close relationship with either or both sets of grandparents?

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5. Do the children have a strong relationship with anyone else that you believe is important?

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**Goals:**

1. What are your future goals with the children and the reasons for your goals?

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2. Regardless of who is the primary parent of the children, do you believe that you and your spouse or ex-spouse should share equally in making major decisions affecting the children (such as medical, psychological, legal and educational decisions)?

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3. What are your spouse's or ex-spouse's goals with the children and the reason for these goals?

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## Witnesses

1. Who do you think would make good witnesses for you and what do you think the testimony would be? (Possible witnesses include neighbors, the children's teachers, friends, doctors, baby sitters, daycare workers, clergy and family members.) Please make as many duplicates of this page as necessary and provide the name and other requested information for each potential witness.

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Anticipated testimony:

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2. Who do you think will be witnesses for your spouse or ex-spouse and what do you think will be the testimony of those persons? Please make as many copies of this page as necessary to identify and state the anticipated testimony of each potential witness.

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