



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PRO SE CENTER CUSTODY PACKET

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If you have questions about domestic violence or believe that you may be the victim of domestic violence, we strongly recommend that you contact the *Washington County Women's Shelter* at 724.223.8349.

If you suspect child abuse, please contact *CHILDLINE* at 1.800.932.0313. You can report suspected child abuse 24 hours per day and remain anonymous.

CUSTODY AGREEMENT

This form is to be used when the parties have come to an agreement regarding custody of their child/ren.

If a custody case already exists, then note the custody number on the order and the agreement.

If no custody case exists then the petitioning party needs to complete a custody complaint and the agreement.

In order to have the agreement become a court Order it needs to be signed by the judge. Once all the paperwork is completed, both parties need to attend motions court together and inform the judge that they have reached an agreement.

If the parties come to an agreement the fee for the conference officer is waived. The cost to file a custody complaint with an agreement is \$101.50.

CIVIL ACTION – LAW (CUSTODY)

_____)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	No.: _____
)	
_____)	
)	
Defendant.)	

CUSTODY CONSENT AGREEMENT

We have agreed to the following parenting plan for the custody of our child(ren):

1. The parents shall share the legal and physical custody of the following named child(ren):

Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. The child(ren) shall reside with his/her/their Mother/Father at:

3. The parties agree that the time arrangements between the Father and Mother with the child(ren) are as follows:

- a. Weekdays: _____

- b. Weekends: _____

- c. Summer/Vacation periods:

- d. Holidays:

Thanksgiving: _____

Christmas (Eve): _____

New Year's Eve: _____

Easter: _____

Other holidays: _____

4. Transportation: _____
5. The child(ren) shall be with the Mother on Mother's Day and with the Father on Father's Day.
6. The child(ren)'s birthday will be spent with the parent scheduled to have the child that day.
7. Each parent shall keep the other informed on the child(ren)'s health, progress in school, school activities and general welfare and shall consult with the other parent concerning major decisions affecting the child(ren).
8. Each parent is entitled to receive directly from the school, health care providers, or other relevant sources, information concerning the child(ren). Each parent shall keep the other notified of any behavioral issues or schooling issues concerning the child(ren).
9. Neither parent shall engage in conduct which presents to the child(ren) a negative or hostile view of the other parent.
10. Each parent shall encourage the child(ren) to comply with the parenting agreement and foster in the child(ren) a positive view of the other parent.
11. The parties may decide different time arrangements other than those provided for in the Consent Agreement and make decisions for the child(ren) whenever they mutually agree to do so. Nothing in this agreement is understood to limit or restrict the ability of the parties to mutually agree on alternative parenting arrangements. If for any reason the parties cannot agree, the Terms of this consent agreement will be followed.
12. VACATIONS SUPERSEDE THE REGULAR SCHEDULE, AND HOLIDAYS SUPERSEDE OTHER TIME ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE TO DO OTHERWISE.
13. VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER BY ANY PERSON MAY RESULT IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES INCLUDING PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2904 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CRIMES CODE, INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY OF CHILDREN.
14. Jurisdiction of the child(ren) shall remain with the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania, unless or until jurisdiction would change under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.
15. We agree to abide by the agreement adopted this ____ day of _____, 2009, and submit it to the Court of Common Pleas to be formalized into an order of Court.

Mother

Father

Attorney

Attorney

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

_____,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
Vs.) No. 2009-
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_____,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 2009, upon consideration of the parties' Custody Consent Agreement, which is attached hereto, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DIRECTED** that the parties' Custody Consent Agreement is adopted by this Court as its Order, and shall be enforced according to its terms.

BY THE COURT:

_____**J.**