

CUSTODY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: _____

Your Information:

Name	
Address	County
Phone	
Cell phone	
E-mail address	
Social Security Number	
Driver's License Number	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Eye color	
Hair color	
Height	
Weight	
Race	
Scars, tattoos, etc.	
Education	
AFDC recipient identification if you have applied for public assistance	

Your Personal Habits:

Church name
Smoke
Alcohol
Drugs
Criminal Record

Opposing Parties Information:

Name	
Address	County
Phone	
Cell phone	
E-mail address	
Social Security Number	
Driver's License Number	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Eye color	
Hair color	
Height	
Weight	
Race	
Scars, tattoos, etc.	
Education	
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Opposing Parties Personal Habits:

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Your Employment:

Occupation
Employer
Employer's address
Work phone
Start date
hours per week
Start time: Stop time:
Hourly pay
Gross weekly income
Medical Benefits
Retirement benefits and value

Opposing Parties Employment:

Occupation
Employer
Employer's address
Work phone
Start date
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Start time: Stop time:
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Your prior employment:

Former employer
Address
Dates employed
Retirement benefit & value
Plan administrator
Address
Contact person
phone #

Opposing Parties prior employment:

Former employer
Address
Dates employed
Retirement benefit & value
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Marriage Information, if parties were married to each other:

Date of marriage
Officiant
City/Township
County
State
Date of Separation

Medical Insurance:

Name of company / type of coverage 1 2
Name of Insured 1 2
Policy number 1 2
Total cost and cost for children alone 1 2

Children of the Marriage:

Name and Age 1 2 3 4 5
Date of Birth if a Minor 1 2 3 4 5
Social Security Number if a Minor 1 2 3 4 5
Special needs of any child

Relief Requested:

Custody
Parenting time
Child support
Tax exemption

Best Interest of the Child

When custody is an issue, the Court follows the Michigan Child Custody Act to determine the best interest of the child. The statute lists the following factors for consideration and evaluation:

- A. The love, affection and other emotional ties existing between the parties involved and the child.
- B. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to give the child love, affection and guidance and to continue the education and raising of the child in his or her religion or creed, if any.
- C. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to provide the child with food, clothing, medical care or other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of medical care and other material needs.
- D. The length of time the child has lived in a stable, satisfactory environment and the desirability of maintaining continuity.
- E. The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home or homes.
- F. The moral fitness of the parties involved.
- G. The mental and physical health of the parties involved.
- H. The home, school and community record of the child.
- I. The reasonable preference of the child, if the Court considers the child to be of sufficient age to express preference.
- J. The willingness and ability of each of the parties to facilitate and encourage a close and continuing parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent or the child and the parents.
- K. Domestic violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed against or witnessed by the child.
- L. Any other factor considered by the Court to be relevant to a particular child custody dispute.

Parties are advised of joint custody. Joint custody means an Order of the Court in which one or both of the following is specified:

- 1. Joint Physical Custody – the child shall reside alternately for specific periods with each of the parents.
- 2. Joint Legal Custody – the parents shall share decision making authority regarding important decisions affecting the welfare of the child. Important decisions usually relate to the education, medical care, religion, and counseling needs of the child.