# BASIC PARENTING PLAN INSTRUCTIONS/WORKSHEET

## **Notice about these instructions:**

These instructions are not a complete statement of the law and are not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. These instructions cover basic procedure for parenting plans in uncomplicated divorce or unmarried parent custody cases. If you have further questions about parenting plans, see the section "What is a Parenting Plan and How Do I Use This Guide?" in the Basic Parenting Plan Guide.

These instructions are provided in a "worksheet" format so that as you go through the instructions for the various sections of the parenting plan, you will be able to fill in information that can then be transferred to the final form.

For more information, including resource and referral information, consult the **Basic Parenting Plan Guide for Parents** and the **Safety Focused Parenting Plan Guide**. Both of these guides have information about how to select a parenting plan that is best for you and your children, and give examples of parenting plans that you may wish to use. The guides also include information about where to get basic legal information and how to find an attorney, and each guide contains a separate resource list of books, videos, websites and services for children and adults going through divorce or custody proceedings.

If you live sixty miles or more from the other parent, you should consider using the Long Distance Parenting Plan form.

#### **BEGIN:**

If you will be filling in the form by hand, before you fill in any part of the Basic Parenting Plan, you should **make a copy of the blank form.** Save this copy for use when you are ready to fill out a final version of the Basic Parenting Plan to file with the Court.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY O	OF THE STATE OF OREGON OF
Petitioner	) CASE NO:
and )	) PARENTING PLAN (Exhibit 1)
Respondent Co-Petitioner	Proposed by: Petitioner Respondent
	) Agreed upon by both parents ) Ordered by the Court

At the top of the page, fill in the name of the county where you will be filing your Basic Parenting Plan.

On the top left side of the page, fill in the names of the Petitioner and the Respondent on the lines provided. If you have an existing court case, use the labels and names as they appear on the original documents filed with the court. If you do not have an existing court case, then the person who starts the court case is the Petitioner. Check the box marked "Co-Petitioner" if the parents have agreed upon the terms of the parenting plan and you are filing together.

On the top right side of the page, enter your case number, if you have one. If the Parenting Plan you are submitting is agreed upon by both parents, check the box that says "Agreed upon by both parents." Otherwise, check the box that says "Proposed by\_\_\_\_\_" and fill in the name of the parent who is proposing the Parenting Plan. The box marked "Ordered by the Court" is reserved for a judge to check.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The terms of your Parenting Plan will affect your legal rights and responsibilities. You should consult the complete BASIC PARENTING PLAN GUIDE available at http://courts.oregon.gov/familylaw before filling out this form. You should consult an attorney or your caseworker before filing your Parenting Plan with the court.

## 1. GOALS FOR OUR CHILDREN

This plan is intended to ensure the children's optimal development by providing continuity, stability and predictability for the children, while ensuring frequent and continued contact with each parent. Because a

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Write down the full legal name (d relationship. If you have more th attach it to your Parenting Plan for	an four children, check the box,		
Full Name	Date of Birth	Current age	Sex (check one)  M / F  M / F  M / F  M / F
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WHAT THE VACATION AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	WILL BE			
<b>4.1 Summer Schedule: (CHECK ONE)</b> Check the forest the summer. Check the second box if you want the sc Check the third box if you want to follow a schedule during and then describe the summer schedule in the space below	hedule to stay the same, the summer that is differ	except fo rent from	r vacation tin	ne.
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	want to ma	Il follow the <b>Detailed Holiday Schedule</b> below for the special plans for a specific holiday, we have colidays we check, this schedule overrides the water a holiday, we will follow the weekday and	e placed a check mark ( veekday and weekend	(✓ ) next to that h schedule above.	noliday.
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/	HOLIDAY	Parent A:	Parent B:		
		(same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)	(same parent's name	as in paragraph	3.1)
	Spring Break	Begin day and time:	Begin day and time:_		
		End day and time:	End day and time:		
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_	Mother's Day	Our children shall spend the day with Mothe		from 9 a m until 6	
	INOCITICI 3 Day	Other Plan:	•		<i>,</i> p.iii.

✓	HOLIDAY	Parent A:(same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)	Parent B:(same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)
	Memorial Day / Weekend	Begin day and time:  End day and time:  Every Year Odd Years Even Years  Other Plan:	1
	Father's Day	Our children shall spend the day with Fathe Other Plan:	er every Father's Day from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
	Fourth of July	Begin day and time:  End day and time:  Every Year Odd Years Even Years  Other Plan:	
	Labor Day / Weekend	Begin day and time:  End day and time:  Every Year Odd Years Even Years  Other Plan:	☐ Every Year ☐ Odd Years ☐ Even Years
	Thanksgiving Day/ Thanksgiving Break	Begin day and time:  End day and time:  Severy Year Odd Years Even Years  Age Specific Plan. If our children are in different age groups, we will follow the plan for the youngest child oldest child.  For children under age 3: From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in even years.  For children age 3 and older: From 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening prior to Thanksgiving until 6 p.m. on the Sunday following Thanksgiving in even years.  Other Plan:	

✓	HOLIDAY	Parent A:	Parent B:	
		(same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)	(same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)	
	Christmas/ Begin day and time:		Begin day and time:	
	Winter Break	End day and time:	End day and time:	
		☐ Every Year ☐ Odd Years ☐ Even Years	☐ Every Year ☐ Odd Years ☐ Even Years	
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		<b>For children under age 1</b> : From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> in odd years and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> in even years.	<b>For children under age 1</b> : From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> in even years and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> in odd years.	
	For children between 12 months a months: From 6 p.m. on Dec. 24th. p.m. on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> in odd years and fi p.m. on Dec. 25th. until 6 p.m. on Deceven years.		For children between 12 months and 36 months: From 6 p.m. on Dec. 24th. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> in even years. From 6 p.m. on Dec. 25th. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> in odd years.	
	For children age 3 and older: From noon on the day after school ends until noon on Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> in odd years and from noon on Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> until noon on the day before school resumes in even years.		For children age 3 and older: From noon on the day after school ends until noon on Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> in even years and from noon on Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> until noon on the day before school resumes in odd years.	
	Other Plan:			
	New Year's	Begin day and time:	Begin day and time:	
	Eve/New Year's Day	End day and time:	End day and time:	
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	birthdays	Begin day and time: End day and time:	Begin day and time:  End day and time:	
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		Other Plan:		

<b>✓</b>	HOLIDAY	Parent A: Parent B: (same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)    (same parent's name as in paragraph 3.1)			
	All three-day weekends not listed above	(Federal holidays, school in service days, etc.)  If a parent has our children on a weekend with an unspecified holiday or non-school day attached, the children shall be in that parent's care for the holiday or non-school day.  Other Plan:			
	Other holiday or day of significance to the family:	Begin day and time:  End day and time:  Every Year Odd Years Even Years  Other Plan:	☐ Every Year ☐ Odd Years ☐ Even Years		
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	<ul> <li>4.3 Primary Residence. (CHECK ONE)</li> <li>Parent A's home shall be considered the "primary residence".</li> <li>Neither parent's home shall be considered the "primary residence".</li> <li>4.4 Temporary Changes to Parenting Time. Temporary changes to the parenting time schedule may be made at any time if both parents agree ahead of time. (CHECK ONE)</li> <li>The parents may agree verbally to any temporary changes in the parenting time schedule.</li> <li>The parents must agree on temporary changes to the parenting time schedule in writing.</li> <li>5. HOW WE WILL EXCHANGE OUR CHILDREN</li> </ul>				
	<b>5.1 Timeliness.</b> Parents will arrive withinminutes of the time they are scheduled to be with the children. If an unavoidable delay occurs, the delayed parent shall contact the other parent immediately.				

<b>5.2 Exchange Point/Transportation.</b> Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, exchange of the children will be: <b>(CHECK ONE)</b>				
☐ The home of the parent who is beginning his or her time with the children. The parent who is ending their time with the children shall be responsible for dropping them off at the other parent's home.  Drop off at Parent A's home shall be at the   front door     curbside     other:  Drop off at Parent B's home shall be at the   front door   curbside   other:				
A neutral place as follows:  The parents shall share responsibility for bringing the children to and from the exchange point.				
☐ Other:				
Additional provisions: (OPTIONAL—CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)  If a parent starts his or her parenting time while the children are at school or in daycare, that parent shall pick the children up directly at the school or daycare. If the children are supposed to be at school or in day				
care at the end of a parent's scheduled parenting time, that parent shall drop the children off directly at the school or daycare.				
☐ If either parent is unable to provide transportation on a given occasion, he or she may designate one of the following individuals to do so:				
These individuals are known to the children.				
Other				
<b>5.3 Clothing &amp; Medication.</b> The parents shall have the children ready with the clothing they need and any necessary medications at the scheduled time of exchange. All clothing and medications that accompanied the children shall be returned with them to the other parent.				
HOW WE WILL MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT OUR CHILDREN				

### 6.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Your decision to select Joint or Sole Custody may have important legal consequences. You are strongly encouraged to consult with an attorney regarding these consequences before making your final decision about Joint or Sole Custody.

- 6.1 Day-to-Day Decisions. Each parent will make day-to-day decisions regarding the care and control of our children during the time they are caring for our children. This includes any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of our children.
- 6.2 Major Decisions (Legal Custody). Major decisions include, but are not limited to, decisions about the children's residence, education, non-emergency health care, and religious training. (CHECK ONE)

Choose an arrangement for making "major decisions" including decisions about the children's education, non-emergency health care, and religious training. If both parents will share in the responsibility for making "major decisions", then check the box for Joint Custody. You can share responsibility in major decision making even though the children are not in the care of each parent an equal amount of the time. If you will not be sharing responsibility for major decisions, you need to decide which parent will have decision making authority, also called **Sole Custody**. You have the option to indicate whether the parent with Sole Custody will be required to talk to the other parent prior to making some or all "major decisions".

☐ The parents have agreed to share in the responsibility for making major decisions about the children. This arrangement is known by the courts as <b>Joint Custody</b> .
(parent's name) shall make major decisions about the children. This
arrangement is known by the courts as <b>Sole Custody</b> .
(OPTIONAL)  The custodial parent will <b>consult</b> (discuss) with the other parent:  before making major decisions.
before making major decisions on these specific issues:
(OPTIONAL)  The custodial parent will <b>notify</b> the other parent:  before making major decisions.
before making major decisions on these specific issues:
Note: If this parenting plan is attached to a signed order or judgment of the court, the custody provisions in the plan should be consistent with what is in the judgment or order. In the event of a conflict, the custody designation in the signed order or judgment shall prevail.
<b>6.3 Information Sharing.</b> Unless there is a court order stating otherwise:
Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive the children's school records, and both parents are encouraged to consult with school staff concerning the children's welfare and education. Both parents are encouraged to participate in and attend the children's school events.
Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the children.
Both parents have equal rights to consult with any person who may provide care or treatment for the children and to inspect and receive the children's medical, dental and psychological records.
Each parent has a continuing responsibility to provide a residential, mailing, or contact address and contact telephone number to the other parent.
Each parent has a continuing responsibility to immediately notify the other parent of any emergency circumstances or substantial changes in the health of the children, including the children's medical needs.
HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE ABOUT AND WITH OUR CHILDREN
7.1 Parent and Child Communication.
☐ Both parents and children shall have the right to communicate by telephone, in writing or by e-mailing during reasonable hours without interference or monitoring by the other parent.
Rules for telephone, letters, e-mail or other parent and child communication: (DESCRIBE)

	7.2 Parent to Parent Communication.
	Rules for telephone, letters, e-mail or other parent-to-parent communication: (DESCRIBE)
	<b>FUTURE MOVES BY A PARENT.</b> Unless there is a court order stating otherwise neither parent may move a residence more than 60 miles further away from the other parent without giving the other parent days' notice of the change of residence and providing a copy of such notice to the court.
	Additional rules about moving: (DESCRIBE)
9.	OTHER PROVISIONS ON HOW WE WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN
	<b>9.1 Children's Activities.</b> Children are often involved in activities other than school, such as sports, clubs, music, religious organizations, and social activities. Both parents are encouraged to take part in non-school activities with their children during their parenting time. Non-school activities should not unreasonably interfere with either parent's schedule and parenting time. Non-school activities that may affect the other parent's schedule: <b>(CHECK ONE)</b>
	☐ Must be coordinated with the other parent.
	☐ Will be planned to occur primarily during one parent's scheduled parenting time.
	☐ Other:
	9.2 Makeup and Missed Parenting Time.
	If a child is so ill that the child is unable to spend time with a parent, there will be <b>no</b> make-up of parenting time <b>unless</b> the parents agree ( <b>CHECK ONE</b> )  in writing verbally
	If a parent is unable to have the children during his or her scheduled parenting time for any reasons, there will be <b>no</b> make-up of parenting time <b>unless</b> the parents agree: (CHECK ONE) in writing verbally
	<b>9.3 Mutual Respect.</b> The parents will not say things or knowingly allow others to say things in the presence of the children that would take away the children's love and respect for the other parent.
	<b>9.4 Alternate Care.</b> These are our ground rules for babysitters, day care providers, and other caregivers: <b>(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)</b>
	☐ We choose not to specify ground rules for alternate care.
	If a parent is unable to be with the children during scheduled parenting time, the other parent shall be the first choice to provide of their care.
	Only the following people may provide alternate care:

☐ The following people	may <b>not</b> provide alte	ernate care:	
☐ Other:			
			NCLUDE IN YOUR PLAN.)
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<b>10. PERMANENT CHANGE</b> court for a modification. One			be made only by applying to the g Plan on their own.
11. DISPUTE RESOLUTIO last resort will we resolve disaction) Prior to filing any con	putes through court	action. (Local court rules w	putes on our own. Only as a ill apply after filing a court
	parenting plan dispu	ites before filing a court action	mediator, counselor, or othe on about the parenting plan. This
(OPTIONAL)	or now, the following	professional(s) will assist u	s, if available:
A dispute resolution proc	ess shall not be requ	iired prior to filing a court ac	tion.
<b>12. SIGNATURES</b> . My sign and written in this document		s that I have read and agree	e with what has been decided
If the plan is proposed by only both parents should sign. If yo document, such as a Petition or	u are filing this plan w		
CHECK ONE)  Petitioner Co-Pe	titioner	(CHECK ONE)  ☐ Respondent	☐ Co-Petitioner
Signature Da	ate	Signature	Date