



# Parenting Issues

## Topics for Resolution

Collaborative Settlement Process  
*for Separation & Divorce*

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### Section 5

**What should be considered for inclusion in your Parenting Plan?**

**1. Background**

- a) names of parents, children, birth dates
- b) process used, dates of meetings
- c) key issues

**2. Parental Conduct and Values/Parenting Principles/Anchor Statement  
Communication**

- a) parent-parent
- b) parent-child
- c) child-parent
- d) methods of communication to be used, how and when
- e) emergency protocol

**3. Decision Making and Responsibilities**

- a) health care
- b) education
- c) religious upbringing
- d) extra-curricular activities

**4. Parenting Schedule**

- a) consider ages of children, development, personality, unique needs
- b) changes to the schedule
- c) first Option of Care/Right of First Refusal
- d) holidays
- e) vacation

**5. Documents**

- a) who holds the original passport, health card, birth certificate, etc. and who gets the copies
- b) how the requests go re process and timing

**6. Children's Belongings**

**7. Tattoos and Piercings, Car Seats and Boosters, Life jackets, Haircuts, use of alcohol, marijuana, etc. - consider age and stage**

**8. Social Media**

- a) parents' use of social media
- b) posting of children's pictures

**9. Electronic Devices/Video Games/Screen Time**

- a) cell phone? iPad? another device? at what age? who pays? monitoring?

**10. Travel**

- a) passports and travel consent
- b) steps to be followed if one parent wants to travel with the kids

**11. Mobility**

- a) distance between the homes
- b) providing notice of intended move

**12. Introduction of New Partners**

- a) when?
- b) how?
- c) sleepovers with children present?

**13. Change of Name of the Children**

**14. Review of Parenting Plan**

**15. Dispute Resolution of Parenting Issues**