

Areas of Consideration in Parenting Arrangements

1. Live with and spend time with arrangements for our child(ren)

- Time spent with each parent
- How flexible and/or certain should the arrangements be
- Notice to each other if changes need to occur
- Other considerations

2. Education

- Current needs and future needs
- Type of school
- Involvement of each parent
- Homework
- Other considerations

3. Health Care

- Any special health needs – will responsibility be shared?
- Procedures in case of emergency

4. Religious Observance

5. Holidays, birthdays (child(ren's) and parents), Christmas and other special days

6. Our Child(ren's) sporting, cultural and other activities outside school

- Our involvement as parents
- Involvement of child(ren)
- Travel - passports


7. Transportation

- Between homes
- Other activities


8. Telephone or written communication – when and how?

9. Financial Support

- How will everyday costs and periodic costs be shared?
- On what basis will we decide the level of child support, if any?
- Will the Child Support Agency Assessment affect us or be taken into account?
- Education Costs (uniforms, camps, books etc)
- Health care costs (insurance, prescriptions, dental work)
- Extraordinary costs
- CPI increases


 1800 918 377 or
(02) 6055 8090

 cls@umfc.com.au

 27-29 Stanley Street, Wodonga 3690

 (02) 6055 8079

 www.hrcls.org.au

 PO Box 31, Wodonga VIC 3689


Upper Murray Family Care

This service is auspiced by UMFC and funded by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Victoria Legal Aid and Legal Aid NSW.
ABN 99 081 624 768 Reg No: A5357 ARBN 081 624 768

Areas For Consideration In Parenting Arrangements

10. Housekeeping Issues

- Any sharing and washing of clothes
- Will any of the child(ren's) belongings be shared between homes?
- Presents – joint or separate
- Other practical issues

11. Spending time with Extended Family (maternal & paternal)

- How important is the maintenance of extended family contact on both sides of the family with our child(ren)?
- If yes, any arrangements to ensure this?

12. Ongoing Decision Making and Parental Consultation

- What do we consider are basic day to day decisions?
- What are the major decisions which would require joint consultation?
- What access to school and medical records should each parent have?
- If we disagree about a major area of parenting will we seek assistance to resolve this (i.e. mediation/counselling) in the first instance?
- Do we want regular meetings or ad-hoc meetings regarding our child(ren's) welfare? If so, where would we meet and how often?
- Would written communication be appropriate at any time? Eg. email
- Should our child(ren) be consulted and/or involved in any way in our decisions concerning them? What benefits and/or concerns are associated for us with involving our children?

13. Naming

- Are there any circumstances where we would consider renaming the child(ren)? What are our views?

14. Any other areas we feel should be discussed?

15. Review of Parenting Arrangements

- Should these plans be reviewed? If so, how often?
- What circumstances would prompt re-negotiation?

16. In case of either of our deaths

- Do we want to consider what our wishes are for the continued nurture of our child(ren)?