

CUSTODY INTERVIEW (POST JUDGMENT)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The interview sheet contains basic information needed for your custody case. Do the best to complete the information.
- If you do not know the answer, then write "I do not know"
- E-mail or print page and complete requested information.
- After the interview sheet is complete, schedule appointment and bring the sheet with you.
- If you would like us to have your documents ready for your first appointment, fax interview sheet to (616) 454-0420

YOUR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

E-mail: _____

Driver's License: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (name, address, and phone): _____

Employer's Name and Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Years with employer: _____

Gross Weekly Income (before taxes): _____

INFORMATION ABOUT OPPOSING PARTY:

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Employer's Name and Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Years with employer: _____

Gross Weekly Income (before taxes): _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CASE

County that case is pending: _____

Date original order entered: _____

Case number: _____

Who has primary physical custody: _____

What is the current parenting time schedule: _____

What has changed in the situation that initiated the request for a change in custody:

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN:

NAME	ADDRESS	BIRTHDAY	GENDER

How much is daycare:

Are you on public assistance:

CUSTODY

LEGAL CUSTODY- Custody is a very important issue. By far the majority of cases provide for joint legal custody. This allows both parties access to school and medical records. In addition, the law provides that the parties will consult on major decisions related to the children. This does not mean that you have to consult about day-to-day issues.

PHYSICAL CUSTODY- Is where the child or children primarily reside. Typically it is one parent or the other and the person that does not have physical custody has visitation or is considered the "secondary caregiver"

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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Michigan law provides for 12 factors to change custody. Below each factor state

in detail why this factor favors you rather than the other parent.

For example, factor one “I have a closer relationship with my child than the other parent because Sara tells he she loves me and we show affection toward each other regularly. In contrast, she doesn’t have a close relationship with the other parent. She doesn’t give them a hug when they see each other and she doesn’t talk about problems at school, her teachers and home work.”

1. The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing between the parties involved and the child.

ANSWER-

2. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to give the child love, affection and guidance and continuation of the educating and raising the child in its religion or creed, if any.

ANSWER –

3. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to provide the child with food, clothing, medical care and other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this State in place of medical care, and other material needs.

ANSWER –

4. The length of time the child has lived in a stable, satisfactory environment, and the desirability of maintaining continuity.

ANSWER –

5. The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home or homes. The moral fitness of the parties involved.

ANSWER –

6. The mental and physical health of the parties.

ANSWER --

7. The home, school and community record of the child.

ANSWER –

8. The reasonable preference of the child, if the Court deems the child to be of sufficient age to express preference.

ANSWER –

9. The willingness and ability of each of the parties to facilitate and courage a close and continuing parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent.

ANSWER –

10. Domestic violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed against the child or witnessed by the child.

ANSWER –

11. Any other factor considered by the Court to be relevant to a particular child custody dispute.

ANSWER –

What is the custody and parenting time schedule you would like to have?

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