

COMPLETING THE PARENTING PLAN (Absent Parent, Plaintiff's Use)

IMPORTANT: Use the Absent Parent Parenting Plan only for those cases in which:

- One of the parents plan to seek full custody of the minor children of the parties.
- and**
- The non-custodial parent has not cooperated in creating a parenting plan.

This sample plan is only a guide. You must consider your own situation and develop a parenting plan that works for you, the other parent, and your children.

If you want items in your parenting plan that are not included in this sample, you can add them. Likewise, if you do not want some of the items in your parenting plan that are in this sample, you can take them out.

This is your parenting plan, and it should meet your individual needs.

You can add additional pages to your plan if necessary.

Include this parenting plan with the Decree of Dissolution or the Order for Modification of Custody or Parenting Plan that you take to your final hearing.

Your parenting plan will be reviewed by the judge and will need to be court ordered before it takes legal effect.

Choose the county from the drop-down list.

Enter the name of the plaintiff.

Enter the name of the defendant.

Enter the case number.

Complete the information regarding the parenting time, the non-custodial parent may have.

Complete the information regarding the telephone/virtual parenting time the non-custodial parent may have.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Choose the county (county where original action was filed)

_____, Case No. _____
(name of person listed as plaintiff/petitioner in original action) (assigned by the clerk of court)
Plaintiff/Petitioner,

VS. _____
(name of person listed as defendant/respondent in original action) Defendant/Respondent.

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Given the noncustodial parent's lack of active participation in these proceedings, the custodial parent is uncertain of the noncustodial parent's ability or willingness to be actively involved in the parenting of the minor child(ren). As such, the custodial parent proposes the general Parenting Plan detailed below:

1. The custodial parent shall have sole physical and sole legal custody of the minor child(ren) of the parents and, as such, shall have the legal responsibility and authority to make final decisions concerning the parenting functions necessary to raise the child(ren), including but not limited to the responsibility and authority to determine the minor child(ren)'s principal place of residence, education, religious upbringing and medical needs.
2. The noncustodial parent may have parenting time with the minor child(ren) no less than _____ overnights per month provided that the noncustodial parent provides reasonable notice to the custodial parent and the custodial parent agrees with the noncustodial parent's requested overnights. If there is not agreement, the noncustodial parent may have parenting time with the minor child(ren) _____ overnights commencing at _____ a.m./p.m. on the _____ of each month and concluding at _____ a.m./p.m. the following _____.
3. The noncustodial parent may, upon reasonable request to the custodial parent, have telephone/virtual parenting time with the minor child(ren) for _____ minutes each week.
4. In the event the noncustodial parent and the custodial parent agree on a specific parenting time, the noncustodial parent shall pick up the minor child(ren) from the custodial parent at the beginning of said parenting time

4. (continued) and shall return the minor child(ren) to the custodial parent at the end of said parenting time. Both parents understand that they have the responsibility to be on time. If either parent will be late for some reason, or will be unable to exercise parenting time, such parent will notify the other parent as soon as possible. The parents understand that fifteen (15) minutes is a reasonable time for a parent to wait in order to pick up or return the child(ren).
5. The custodial parent understands that the best interests of the minor child(ren) will be maintained by ensuring regular and continuous school attendance and progress for school-age child(ren) of the parents.
6. **Notification Requirement for Current and Change of Address and Contact Information.** If there is a change of address or contact information, each parent will notify the other parent by mailing the change of address to the last known mailing address. Exception: If one parent has a confidential address under Nebraska or federal law, the address or return address shall only include the county and state for a party who is living or moving to an undisclosed location.
7. **Mediation for Future Disputes.** In the event one or both of the parents wish to change the terms of this plan in the future and the parents are unable to agree on the terms of such change, the parents will attempt to mediate their disagreements.
8. This plan may be changed by mutual, written agreement of the parents, but any permanent changes must be approved by the court to be binding and enforceable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
(of Custodial Parent)
Street Address/P.O. Box: _____
City/State/ZIP Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email address: _____

If completed by an attorney:
Bar Number: _____

If this form is being completed by an attorney, enter your Bar Number.

Sign and date the form. Enter your printed name, your address, telephone number, and your email address.