

Divorce Mediation Checklist

Parenting Plan

Access to Information & People:
Educational and medical records;
Teachers, doctors, etc.

Medical Emergencies: Decision-
making, notification, legal consent

Daily Schedule: Children's living
arrangements for a typical week

Holidays: Secular and religious
holidays, birthdays, reunions

Vacations: Summer vacations, winter
and spring breaks, travel

Transportation: Pick-up and drop-off
arrangements

Parental Change of Residence:
Restrictions, notice to other parent

Decision-Making ("legal custody"):
Major decisions about education,
medical treatment, religion, discipline,
safety

Renegotiation: Periodic review of plan,
building in flexibility

Conflict Resolution: Structure for
settling any future disputes

Division of Property

Full Disclosure: Gathering and sharing
of financial information and
documentation concerning all assets
and debts

Procedure for Division:

Identification

Valuation

**Marital vs. Non-Marital
Division**

Some Categories of Assets:

Household Furnishings

Vehicles

Other Personal Property

Bank Accounts

Accounts Receivable

Stocks, Bonds, Funds

Real Estate

Life Insurance

Business Interests

Pensions, IRA, 401(k), etc.

Patents, Stock Options, etc.

Some Categories of Debts:

Mortgages

Bank Loans (e.g., car loans)

Loans on Life Insurance

Personal Loans

Credit Cards

Child Support & Alimony

Budgeting: Children's expenses and
parents' expenses

Income: Identifying all sources

Child Support: Calculating basic
support level, school tuition,
extraordinary medical expenses,
childcare expenses, camp fees

Alimony: Amount and duration

Adjustments: Cost of living, changed
circumstances

Other Financial Issues

Medical Insurance

Life Insurance

College Tuition & Expenses

Taxes:

Joint or Separate Returns?

Dependency Exemptions

Dividing Refunds & Liabilities

Alimony vs. Child Support