

**NO. 00-0000**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE MARRIAGE OF**

**WIFE  
AND  
HUSBAND**

**AND IN THE INTEREST OF  
ABC AND  
XYZ,  
CHILDREN**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY, TEXAS**

**PARENTING PLAN**

Petitioner and Respondent are the parents of one or more children the subject of this suit. The parties have not reached an agreement on a parenting plan, thus the following is the “Parenting Plan.”

1. Petitioner and Respondent are named Joint Managing Conservators. Petitioner is appointed the Primary Managing Conservator and given the exclusive right to determine the residence of each child, subject to such geographical restrictions as the Court may deem appropriate in the appointing order.
2. Each parent shall have those rights and duties set forth in the Standard Possession Order which is a part of the final order herein.
3. The parties are ordered to refrain from disparaging the other party or in any way attempting to demean the other in the eyes of any child who is the subject of this suit.
4. The parties are required to confer within 18 months of the date of this Order and each 18 months thereafter during any child’s minority. The

purpose of these conferences is to discuss the changing needs of each child due to their increased age and any other problems of each child that may have come to their attention since their last conference. The results of such conferences are to be reported to the Court informally by letter. If one party refuses or fails to participate, the other party is to report such fact to the Court, in writing, with a brief statement, by the reporting party, of any age related facts or other matters affecting the child as of the reporting date.

5. Should a dispute arise between the parties as to the parenting plan, or if a party wishes to amend the parenting plan or Final Order regarding any child, they must first submit such issue either to binding or non-binding arbitration, or mediation, prior to initiating court action to resolve such issues. The parties shall initially share equally in the expense of such alternate dispute resolution subject to the Court's power to reallocate such expense after notice and hearing
6. Preference shall be given to carrying out the parenting plan and the parties shall use an alternate dispute resolution process to resolve any such disputes if feasible.
7. Should the parties be unable to resolve the issues by alternate dispute resolution, they must each submit a proposed parenting plan which complies with the requirements for a final parenting plan under Section 153.603 of the Texas Family Code as an attachment to their initial pleading to the Court for judicial resolution of the issues.

8. Respondent's net disposable income is unknown. It is therefore assumed for child support purposes that Respondent earns minimum wage and has no other income.

***OR [when Obligor is the Petitioner]***

Petitioner's income as reflected on Petitioner's Affidavit of Inability to Pay Costs, on file herein and incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim in this Parenting Plan, is true to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge and belief.

9. Petitioner further states that this parenting plan is in good faith and is in the best interest of the children who are the subject of this suit.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by Petitioner.

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PETITIONER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Notary Public, In and for the State of Texas