

## **PARENTING TIME SCHEDULES**

Starting 1-1-07, every court order pertaining to custody and parenting time must contain the percentage of time children spend with each parent. According to law, parenting time is calculated on an annual basis. Below are some of the more common parenting (visitation) schedules. They are designed to minimize the number of transitions children make between households each week. They are intended to promote stability for children and continuity of care by both parents. Parenting schedules depend on parents' work hours, family activities, the children's age and school hours and proximity of parents' residences.

### **SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OPTIONS:**

1. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays\* and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 74%/26%
2. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 21 days (3 weeks) in the summer = 72%/28%
3. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 7 days (1 week) in the summer = 76%/24%
4. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), and 1 evening on alternate weeks (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 71%/29%
5. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), and 1 evening on alternate weeks (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 21 days (3 weeks) in the summer = 69%/31%
6. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 2 evening per week (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 68%/32%
7. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Monday A.M., 1 evening per week (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 68%/32%
8. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., 1 evening per week overnight, alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 68%/32%
9. Alternate weeks from Thursday P.M. to Monday A.M., alternate Wednesday evenings (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 64%/36%
10. Alternate weeks from Thursday P.M. to Sunday P.M., alternate Wednesday evenings (not overnight), alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer = 70%/30%

### **JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY OPTIONS:**

1. Alternate weeks, 1 evening (not overnight) per week for nonresidential parent, alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer for each parent = 50%/50%
2. Parent A has every Monday and Tuesday overnight, Parent B has every Wednesday and Thursday overnight, alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Monday A.M., alternate 9 holidays and 14 days (2 weeks) in the summer for each parent = 50%/50% (5-2-2-5 plan)

### **PARENT LIVES OUT OF TOWN OPTIONS:**

1. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., alternate 9 holidays, every Spring Break for 7 days and 28 days (4 weeks) in the summer = 76%/24%
2. Alternate weekends from Friday P.M. to Sunday P.M., alternate 9 holidays, every Spring Break for 7 days and 42 days (6 weeks) in the summer = 72%/28%

### **PARENT LIVES OUT OF STATE OPTIONS:**

1. Every Spring Break for 7 days, every Christmas Break for 10 days and 42 days (6 weeks) in the summer = 84%/16%
2. Every Spring Break for 7 days, every Christmas Break for 10 days and 70 days (10 weeks) in the summer = 76%/24%

### **GRADUALLY INCREASING TIME FOR VERY YOUNG CHILD AND/OR FOR BUILDING PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP:** (Each increment is for 8 weeks)

- a. 3 days per week for 4 hours and alternate 9 holidays for 4 hours
- b. 6 hours every Saturday, 6 hours every Sunday, 1 evening per week for 3 hours and alternate 9 holidays for 6 hours
- c. Alternate weekends with Fridays and Saturdays for 8 hours (not overnight), 1 evening per week (not overnight) and alternate 9 holidays for 8 hours
- d. Alternate weekends from Saturday A.M. to Sunday P.M. or Friday P.M. to Saturday P.M., one evening per week (not overnight) and alternate 9 holidays for up to 10 hours
- e. Select a parenting schedule from Page 1

\* The 9 holidays are: New Year's Day, Easter Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Day. It is assumed children will always spend Father's Day with their father and Mother's Day with their mother.