

**PARENTAL ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND PARENTING TIME  
FOR FATHERS NEVER MARRIED TO THE MOTHER AND PATERNITY  
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED PREVIOUSLY AS SET FORTH BELOW**

**Use these forms if all of the following are true for you:**

- ✓ You are a father who wants the court to allocate parental responsibilities for significant decision-making of issues of long-term importance to the child/ren
- The Court shall allocate decision making responsibilities according to the child's best interest. The Court shall allocate to one or both parents the significant decision-making responsibilities for each significant issue affecting the child. Those significant issues shall include without limitation, the following:
  - (1) Education, including the choice of schools and tutors.
  - (2) Health, including all decisions relating to the medical, dental, and psychological needs of the child and to the treatments arising or resulting from those needs
  - (3) Religion, and
  - (4) Extracurricular activities.
    - The Court shall consider the factors attached in allocating significant decision making responsibilities.
    - The Court shall consider the factors attached in determining parenting time, formally called visitation.
    - Under 750 ILCS 5/602.10, all parents within 120 days after service or filing of any Petition which requests allocation of parental responsibilities, must file with the Court, either jointly or separately, a proposed written and signed Parenting Plan. All the information requested in the attached Parenting Plan Checklist must be included. A proposed Parenting Plan is attached.
- ✓ You are a parent who wants parenting time with your child/ren.
- ✓ You and the child(ren)'s mother were never married
- ✓ Your paternity of the child(ren) has been established by one of the following two documents:
  - You and the mother signed a VAP (Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity) for each child for whom you want parental allocation of responsibility and you must attach the VAP to your Petition OR. . .
  - You have a Court Order proving paternity and you must attach a copy of the Court Order to your Petition.
- ✓ There has never been a paternity case filed by or against you relating to the child(ren)
- ✓ You have not been ordered to pay child support by a court or an administrative agency
  - If you are already paying child support by order of a court, then paternity and parental allocation of responsibilities has been established and you cannot use these materials. You should use another set of forms called "Petition to Modify Parental Allocation of Responsibilities."

If you meet all six of the above qualifications, then you can use the following forms to petition for parental allocation of responsibilities, child support, and parenting time.

# ***CHILDREN FIRST***

## ***Parenting Education***

For Divorcing Parents of Minors  
Children First Foundation, Inc.

### ***About the Children First Parenting Education Program***

If you have children under the age of 18, you must enroll in the *Children First Parenting Education Program* before a divorce will be granted by the Third Judicial Circuit Courts (Madison and Bond counties). That is, a divorce judgment will not be entered until you enroll in and attend both sessions (two hours each, totaling four hours) of the *Children First Parenting Education Program*. A certificate will be presented to you at the end showing proof of completion.

The goals of the *Children First Parenting Education Program* are to increase participants' awareness of divorce on children's feelings and behaviors, and increase participants' knowledge in how to assist the children in coping and adjusting. Attending the four-hour class meets the court mandated parenting education requirement for divorcing parents in Illinois. **You will be reminded to put your "children first."**

### ***How to Enroll***

To register for both sessions of the *Children First Parenting Education Program*, call 618-251-6214 between 9am and noon, Monday through Friday. If you call at another time you may get an answering service. If you do, please leave a message speaking slowly and clearly, stating your name and a phone number where you can be reached. **Mention that you need to register for the *Children First* class.** You will be called the next business day.

### ***Schedule***

Monday evenings: 6-8 pm Session I

Tuesday evenings: 6-8 pm Session II

First Friday of every month: 9 am – 1 pm Session I and Session II

### ***Location***

**Manley Auditorium** – located in the former Wood River Hospital, back of the building between the 911 office and the Morgue. Please do not attempt to go into the Kids' Corner Office as the outside doors will be locked.

101 East Edwardsville Road

Wood River, Illinois 62095

Phone number: 618-251-6214

### ***Cost***

The price for the four-hour class is **\$60 (sixty dollars)**. The cash payment is due at the first session (Monday) before class. Checks are not accepted. Waivers by the Court are accepted for individuals whose income qualifies them for a fee exception. The waivers must be presented at the first session (Monday) by the participant. For income eligibility information and Affidavit and Application

To Sue or Defend as an Indigent Person form, which can be printed and presented to the Court, scroll down.

## ***Instructions***

- Divorcing parents will not be scheduled for the same sessions.
- Do not bring children to the sessions. You will be asked to leave.
- Do not bring unregistered adults to the sessions.
- Both parents must attend classes and get their own certificates of completion.

## ***What to Expect from Sessions I and II***

Session I: Video and guided discussion by Master-degreed moderator dealing with topics such as:

1. Disagreements in front of children
2. Using children as leverage
3. Competition between parents
4. Negative comments about the other parent
5. Discipline and behavior changes
6. Substance use and abuse
7. New relationships and adult coping
8. New relationships and children coping
9. Creating quality time
10. Missed parenting time
11. "Interrogating" the children
12. Change vs. loss for the children
13. Abandonment feelings

Guided discussion will investigate better alternatives for parents

Session II: Video, guided discussion by Master-degreed moderator, helpful brochures and handouts for future reference:

1. Normal child developmental stages
2. Awareness of how divorce affects children's behaviors/feelings
3. Assisting children in coping and adjusting
4. Warning signs of serious problems in children
5. Risk and protective factors that impact children
6. How children react
7. Children discussing parental allocation of responsibility and divorce ("Kids Helping Kids")
8. Asset development in children
9. Available area services
10. Mediation: process, video presentation and discussion

Conflicts between parents often continue well beyond court litigation. When conflict exists, it can cause long-term suffering for children. Given information and guidance from the *Children First Parenting Education* sessions, parents can move beyond their differences and put the best interest of their "children first" by anticipating and avoiding potential for future problems.

Birthdays, holidays, vacations, school events, parenting time and numerous co-parenting decisions must be anticipated and planned for. Children are often the silent victims in cases of divorce, parenting time and parental allocation of responsibility disputes. These sessions recognize the importance of parent-child relationships, and promote continued healthy co-parenting skills.



Child's Name	Currently Living With
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

(Attach additional pages as needed)

B. **Check (a):**

- (a)  My paternity of the child(ren) has been established by a **Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity (VAP)** signed by both Petitioner and Respondent. One copy of each VAP is attached to this petition.

C. The minor child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses for the last 5 years, starting with the most recent address (if there is more than one child and the children have lived apart at any time during the last 5 years, then attach additional pages):

Child(ren)'s Name(s) ⇨			
From (date) ↓	To (date) ↓	Address ↓	Lived with whom? ↓
	current		

(Attach additional pages as needed)

- D. The minor child(ren) now live(s) with:  **Petitioner**  **Respondent**  **Both of us**  
 Or Other [describe where the child lives]: \_\_\_\_\_

E. **Check all that apply:**

- (a)  The minor child(ren) **over** the age of 6 months have lived in Illinois for at least the last 6 months.  
(b)  The minor child(ren) **under** the age of 6 months have lived in Illinois since birth.

F. Other than the Petitioner and Respondent in this case, no other person claims to have rights of parental responsibilities and/or parenting time with the minor child(ren), except:

G. I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the court of any legal proceeding in Illinois, or any other state, that could affect allocation of parental responsibilities and/or parenting time.

H. **Check (a) or (b):**

(a)  I know of **no other court cases** or orders in Illinois, or any other state, concerning the parties or child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, parental allocation of responsibilities, parenting time, child or spousal support, juvenile court cases, cases involving DCFS, etc.).

(b)  I know of the following court cases, pending or closed, concerning the parties or child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, parental allocation of responsibilities, parenting time, child or spousal support, juvenile court cases, cases involving DCFS, etc.):

County / State	Case Number	Kind of Case	Year Filed	Pending or Closed

(Attach additional pages as needed)

**5. Parental Allocation of Responsibilities**

	Petitioner Responsible	Respondent Responsible	Both Parties Responsible
Education			
Health			
Religion			
Extracurricular Activities			

**6. Parenting Time**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Court provide for parenting time as follows (**Check A, B, or C**):

A.  **Deny parenting time** Parenting Time should be restricted or denied because:

OR

**Restrict parenting time** \_\_\_\_\_

B. Grant parenting time to Respondent as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Grant parenting time to me as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Child Support (Check all that apply):**

A. **Respondent** is:  employed  unemployed.

B. **Respondent** is:  able  unable to contribute to the support of our minor child(ren)

**8. Agreements (Check if applicable):**

A. The parties have reached agreement(s) on the following issues:

Parental Allocation of Responsibilities  Parenting Time  Child Support

Attach any written agreement(s), or state the details of the agreement(s) here:

---

---

---

(Attach additional pages as needed)

**Relief Requested:**

Therefore, I ask that a Judgment be entered which provides as follows (**Check all that apply**):

A. That parental allocation of responsibilities be awarded as follows:

	Petitioner Responsible	Respondent Responsible	Both Parties Responsible
Education			
Health			
Religion			
Extracurricular Activities			

C.  That Respondent's parenting time with the minor child(ren) be:  Allowed  Restricted  
 Barred  Reserved

OR

That liberal parenting time with the minor child(ren) be awarded to me.

D.  That Respondent pay child support.

E.  That any other appropriate relief be granted.

**CERTIFICATION**

Under the penalties for perjury provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that my statements in this document are true and correct.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER

PRINT PETITIONER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE PARENTAL )  
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINOR )  
CHILD/REN : )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
Petitioner, )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
Respondent. )

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES  
INCORPORATING PARENTING PLAN**

This cause coming to be heard on \_\_\_\_\_ Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities, both parties appearing in open court, the parties have jointly filed/separately filed/not having filed a proposed parenting plan/submitting the following agreed parenting plan, with respect to the following minor children: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Court being fully advised in the premises, \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**A. ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES**

(as defined in Section I)

	Petitioner responsible	Respondent responsible	Both parents responsible
Education			
Health			
Religion			
Extracurricular Activities			

**PARENTING TIME:**

(as defined in Section I)

**[ ] WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

	With Petitioner	With Respondent	Time Frame	Transportation
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

**OR**

**[ ] EVERY OTHER WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

- a. Petitioner/Respondent shall have parenting time every other weekend, from Friday/Saturday at \_\_\_\_\_ until Saturday/Sunday/ Monday at \_\_\_\_\_ beginning on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Petitioner/Respondent will provide transportation at the beginning of the parenting time and Petitioner/Respondent will provide transportation at the end of the parenting time.
- c. Pick up and drop off:
  - i. Location of exchange at the beginning of the parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Location of exchange at the end of parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

[ ] **OTHER**

[ ] **NON-REGULAR PARENTING TIME:**

Parents will use the following formula to determine parenting time:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Petitioner/Respondent will provide transportation at the beginning of the parenting time and Petitioner/Respondent will provide transportation at the end of the parenting time.
- c. Pick up and drop off:
  - i. Location of exchange at the beginning of the parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Location of exchange at the end of parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] **LONG DISTANCE PARENTING TIME:**

- a. Petitioner/Respondent shall have parenting time as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Petitioner/Respondent shall arrange for and provide transportation at the beginning of the parenting time and Petitioner/Respondent shall arrange and provide transportation at the end of the parenting time.
- c. Pick up and drop off:
  - i. Location of exchange at the beginning of the parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Location of exchange at the end of parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Petitioner/Respondent will be responsible for any costs associated with transportation OR parents will share the costs associated with transportation as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] **OTHER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] **RESTRICTION OF PARENTING TIME:**

[ ] Parents agree to the following restriction(s) on parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] **REALLOCATION OF PARENTING TIME OR TERMS, ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

[ ] **REALLOCATION OF PARENTING TIME OR TERMS, ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

If either parent wishes to change the significant decision-making responsibilities or parenting time set forth in Section A of this order, parents will attempt to make such changes through mutual discussion. They shall do the same in the event that the parents cannot agree as to the vital decision affecting the welfare of the children. Should mutual discussion not be effective, or should the parties reach impasse, the Circuit Court of Madison County shall retain continuing jurisdiction to adjudicate any disputed issue. The parents agree, however, to submit any such disputed issue for resolution by an impartial mediator, mutually agreed upon, before applying to the Court for relief. In the event, the parties cannot agree as to the mediator or if the mediation is unsuccessful, a Court proceeding may be filed by either party. The parents agree to share equally the costs of the mediator. If the mediation is unsuccessful, the costs of the mediator may be included in a Petition for Fees and Costs in connection with an enforcement or mediation proceeding.

**OR**

[ ] Petitioner/Respondent has been allocated all significant decision-making responsibilities and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**[ ] DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN**

a. For purposes of all State and Federal statutes that require a designation or determination of custody or custodian:

- Petitioner/Respondent has the majority of the parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above and is designated as the custodian.
- Parents have equal parenting time under the parenting schedule set forth above.
- This designation shall not affect any of either parents' rights or responsibilities under this parenting plan.

**B. HOLIDAYS**

Parents will use the specific holiday schedule set forth below:

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>PETITIONER</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>
Halloween		
Thanksgiving		
Christmas Eve		
Christmas Day		
New Year's Eve		
New Year's Day		
Easter		
Memorial Day		
Fourth of July		
Labor Day		
Mother's Day		
Father's Day		
Child(ren)'s Birthday		
Petitioner's Birthday		
Respondent's Birthday		

**OR**

Holiday schedule by mutual agreement: Both parents shall be able to spend time with the child(ren) on the holidays and parents will mutually agree to specific arrangements as each holiday approaches.

- If the holiday schedule and regular schedule conflict, parents will follow the holiday schedule.

**C. SCHOOL BREAKS**

- Parents will keep the regular parenting schedule set forth in Section A.  
**OR**

- WINTER BREAK:**  
Time child(ren) will be with Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time child(ren) will be with Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- SPRING BREAK:**  
Time child(ren) will be with Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time child(ren) will be with Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- SUMMER BREAK:**  
Time child(ren) will be with Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time child(ren) will be with Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. VACATIONS:**

- Each parent shall be allowed to take the child(ren) on vacation for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive/non-consecutive weeks each year.

- Petitioner/Respondent shall have the following restrictions regarding vacation travel: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- The traveling parent shall give the other parent at least \_\_\_\_\_ notice of travel.

- [ ] The traveling parent shall provide the other parent with a written itinerary of travel prior to traveling. Such itinerary shall include, at a minimum, dates of travel, travel destination(s), flight numbers and times, and contact addresses and phone numbers while traveling.
- [ ] The parents shall provide notice of their intentions for summer vacation by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In even years \_\_\_\_\_'s preferences shall control and in odd years \_\_\_\_\_'s preferences shall control. Should there be a conflict, the parent whose choice does not control shall provide notice of the week he or she intends to take no later than 30 days after notice of the conflict has been given.

**E. COMMUNICATION:**

1. Communication between the parents regarding the care and well-being of the minor child(ren) shall take place via \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When the child(ren) is/are in the care of the Petitioner, Respondent shall be able to communicate with the child(ren) via \_\_\_\_\_ during the following times: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When the child(ren) is/are in the care of the Respondent, Petitioner shall be able to communicate with the child(ren) via \_\_\_\_\_ during the following times: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**F. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL: (as defined in Section I)**

1. If the parent caring for the child(ren) needs someone to watch the child(ren) for more than \_\_\_\_\_ hours, the parent needing the childcare shall notify the other parent via \_\_\_\_\_ and specify the period of time when childcare is needed.
2. If the other parent responds within \_\_\_\_\_ and can provide childcare for the designated period of time, the parent needing/providing childcare shall provide transportation.
3. If the parent needing childcare does not hear back from the other parent within \_\_\_\_\_, the parent needing childcare may then use the services of a babysitter or third-party caregiver.

**G. SHARING OF INFORMATION:**

**CURRENT INFORMATION:**

**PETITIONER'S INFORMATION**

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Omitted because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

**RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION**

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Omitted because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

**CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION**

Residential address of the child(ren) for school enrollment purposes only shall be: \_\_\_\_\_

Omitted due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Omitted because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** If a parent has a change of address, that parent shall give the other parent at least 60 days prior written notice. If it is impracticable to give 60 days prior notice, then the parent moving shall notify the other parent at the earliest date practicable with the intended date of change and the new address.

Not required due to history of domestic violence or abuse

Not required because disclosure of such information is not in the best interest of the child(ren) or parent.



[ ] **ACCESS TO RECORDS OF CHILD(REN)**

- [ ] Each parent shall have a right of access to the child(ren)'s medical, dental, and psychological records (subject to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act), child(ren)'s care records, school, and extracurricular records, reports, and schedules.
- [ ] Both parents shall actively participate in the child(ren)'s raising and guiding and to that end shall share all information in connection with medical, dental, and psychological needs as well as the education and progress in school. Medical and school records shall be made available to both parents and each of them shall be notified of consultations and invited to confer with teachers, counselors, or medical professionals concerning the child(ren)'s education, psychological needs, and healthcare. Both parents shall sign the necessary school forms for the release of school information to the other.
- [ ] Both parents acknowledge that in the matter of major concern, including, but not limited to, education, religious training, extraordinary medical care, and extracurricular activities, they will consult with each other and will make every effort to reach vital decisions jointly. Each parent shall apprise the other of the necessity of making such vital decisions. In case of emergency, where time does not allow consultation with the other parent, the party with physical possession of the child(ren) shall take whatever emergency action is necessary to meet his or her healthcare or other needs. As soon as possible thereafter, the parent making such an emergency decision will advise the other parent of the same.

**OR**

- [ ] Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] Respondent \_\_\_\_\_  
is expressly denied access to medical, dental, and psychological care, school and extracurricular activity records, reports, and schedules.

**OR**

- [ ] Petitioner/Respondent has not been allocated parenting time and therefore Petitioner/Respondent is not entitled to access to the child(ren)'s health care or school records.
  - [ ] It is in the child(ren)'s best interest that Petitioner/Respondent be granted access to child(ren)'s [ ] school records [ ] medical records.
- [ ] Parents shall notify each other as soon as possible in cases of emergencies, health care, or other significant child(ren)-related issues.

**H. RELOCATION:** (as defined in Section I of this agreement):

**PROCEDURE:**

If a parent who has the majority of parenting time or equal parenting time wishes to relocate with the child(ren), the relocating parent must:

- i. Provide written notice of relocation to the other parent and file a copy of the notice with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Domestic Relations Division, 155 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025.
- ii. Such written notify shall be provided at least 60 days before relocation unless impracticable or otherwise ordered by the court, in which case written notice shall be provided at the earliest date practicable.
- iii. The written notice must include, at a minimum:
  1. Intended date of relocation
  2. Address of new residence, if known
  3. Length of time of relocation, if not permanent

**NO OBJECTION:** If the non-relocating parent does not object to the relocation and signs the notice, the relocating parent shall file the notice with the court. Relocation shall be allowed without any further court action. Parents will modify the parenting plan or allocation by agreement to accommodate the relocation and submit such plan to the court for approval.

**WITH OBJECTION:** If the non-relocating parent objects to the relocation, or fails to sign the notice, or the parents cannot agree on modification of the parenting plan or allocation judgment, the parent seeking relocation must file a petition seeking permission to relocate.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION AFTER RELOCATION:** Any issues arising from the parent's future relocation shall be resolved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I. DEFINITIONS:**

**SIGNIFICANT DECISION-MAKING** means decision-making on issues of long-term importance to the child(ren). These significant decisions include, but are not limited to:

- Education, including choice of schools and tutors
- Health, including medical, dental, psychological needs and treatments
- Religion, including choice of religion or denomination, religious schooling, religious training, and participation in religious customs or practices.
- Extracurricular activities

**PARENTING TIME** means the time during which a parent is responsible for exercising non-significant decision-making responsibilities and the following caretaking responsibilities for the child(ren).

**CARETAKING RESPONSIBILITIES** include, but are not limited to:

- Feeding the child(ren), managing bed-time and wake-up, caring for the child(ren) when the child(ren) is/are sick or injured, attending to the child(ren)'s hygiene needs, playing with the child(ren), making sure the child(ren) attend(s) extracurricular activities, protecting the child(ren)'s physical safety, and providing transportation for the child(ren).
- Directing the child(ren)'s developmental needs, including, motor and language skills, toilet training, self-confidence and maturation.
- Providing discipline, assigning chores, and attending to the child(ren)'s need to control his/her behavior.
- Ensuring child(ren) attend(s) school and any other special services.
- Helping the child(ren) develop and maintain appropriate relationships with family and friends.
- Ensuring the child(ren) attend(s) medical appointments, medical follow-ups, and providing any necessary medical care in the home.
- Providing moral and ethical guidance for the child(ren).
- Arranging alternative care for the child(ren) by a third party, including investigating the alternatives, communicating with providers and supervising such care.

The parent caring for the child(ren) may also direct, arrange, and supervise third parties who may perform such care-taking duties for the child(ren) subject to the first right of refusal outlined above. During his or her parenting time, the parent caring for the child(ren) shall have the sole responsibility for making routine decisions with respect to the child(ren) and for emergency decisions affecting the child(ren)'s health and safety at the time.

**RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL**, when applicable, means that before either parent can use the services of a babysitter or other third-party caregiver, the other parent must first be given the opportunity to care for the child(ren) during that time.

**RELOCATION** constitutes a substantial change in circumstances and is defined as:

- A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence in the county of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will to a new residence within this State that is more than 25 miles from the child(ren)'s current residence;
- A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence located in a county not listed in the paragraph above to a new residence within this State that is more than 50 miles away from the child(ren)'s current primary residence; or

- A change of residence from the child(ren)'s current primary residence to a residence outside the borders of this State that is more than 25 miles from the current primary residence

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to each and every provision of this Order and agree to abide by the terms of this Order.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

---

Petitioner

---

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
Vs. \_\_\_\_\_) Case No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_)  
Respondent. \_\_\_\_\_)

**ORDER**

The Court FINDS AND ORDERS that the Proposed Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Incorporating Parenting Plan filed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is in the best interest of the minor child/children. Said document is incorporated by reference herein and the parties are ordered to perform according to the terms and conditions as set forth therein.

**\*CLERK TO SEND COPIES TO ALL ATTORNEYS AND ANY SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE