

FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTICE – This questionnaire may be shared with the other parent. Please do not include anything that you would not want the other parent to know. Because this is not a confidential process, this questionnaire is discoverable through the legal process. I also may share information with both parents depending on the value I determine in sharing the information you provide. Obviously, the more thorough and detailed you can be, the more it will aid in our work, but not to the point where you fear the other parent knowing your thoughts and views.

1. Identifying Information

Name _____ Age _____

Other Names Records would be under (e.g. Maiden Name) _____

Address _____

Phone H _____ e-mail _____

W _____ other _____

Children's Names	1. _____	Date of Birth _____
	2. _____	Date of Birth _____
	3. _____	Date of Birth _____
	4. _____	Date of Birth _____

Relationship to Children (e.g. biological, adoptive, foster, step parent)

2. Referral

Who referred you _____?

Have you retained legal counsel? _____ If so, whom _____

City, State _____

Phone _____

Why did the referral source recommend this for your case?

What do you want to achieve from our working together?

What additional benefits do you expect or want from our work.

3. Separation / Divorce History

How long have you been separated? _____

How old were the children when this occurred? _____

How long were you married? _____ Date of marriage _____

Are you divorced now? _____

If so, when was the divorce decree final _____?

What stage of separation / divorce are you in now?

What is the legal status of the divorce?

Have any attempts been made to settle matters? To mediate? If so, please describe those efforts and the outcomes.

In your view or opinion, what factors caused you or your spouse to seek separation or divorce?

If your spouse was asked the same question, what do you believe he/she would say?

4. Significant Others

List the names and relationship of any other persons residing with you.

Do you have any children by any other person? If so, please give details about the relationship, then the names, ages and custodial arrangements of those children.

Are you currently involved with another person? If yes, please identify by first name only.

Are you dating steadily or engaged to anyone?

What are your plans for this relationship?

Have you had other significant relationships since the separation? If yes, please describe and include approximate dates, duration, first names only and reason for ending.

5. Work

Occupation _____ Salary level _____

How long at this job? _____

Employer Name _____

Hours worked / week _____

Any overtime ? _____

Any travel demands?

Leave Package - Holidays, vacation, sick leave, family leave etc.

How many other jobs have you had since the separation? List duration, job title, salary, and reason for leaving.

List highest level of formal education, and the completion year.

6. Children's Issues

A. Custodial Arrangements and Reasons

Describe the custody and visitation arrangements that have been in place during the separation and for how long?

Any reason for changing custody and visitation?

Please describe the custodial arrangements that you believe is in the children's best interest and why. Please include physical custody, legal custody, and visitation arrangement of time (including holidays, summer vacations, weekends)

Please list your reasons for your ideas of the custodial arrangements, giving the most important first. Give specific examples of independent and professional witnesses who can corroborate. Family and friends are considered to be least reliable sources of corroboration.

B. Childcare:

Current regular daycare provider _____

Address _____

Hours in daycare _____

List the names of any other non-parental caregivers that regularly see the children.

What are your childcare plans?

C. Parents Residences:

How far apart are you from your spouse / ex-spouse _____

Are they in the same school district as the children _____?

How long have you resided at your current address _____

How many times have you moved since you were separated _____

Give reasons for moving

Do you plan on moving again?

D. Schools and Education Needs

List the names of the schools each child attends

Child _____

Child _____

School _____

School _____

City _____

City _____

Child _____

Child _____

School _____

School _____

City _____

City _____

Are there any special needs, learning disabilities or requests for special education services? If so give details.

What is your involvement with the schools? Give specific details.

E. Extracurricular activities

What lessons, teams or other activities have your children been involved in?

What is your participation in those activities?

E. Medical

Do any of the children have any medical, developmental or handicapping conditions that require special or extra care?

Any medical problems with the children?

What has been your involvement with the children's health care and medical needs?

G. Psychological

Have any of the children been evaluated or treated by a mental health professional?
If so, give a brief description.

Do you believe the children have shown any adverse reactions to the separation or divorce?
If so, what is of concern?

To what do you attribute the difficulties?

What has been your involvement in the children's psychological care?

H. Parenting Style

How would you describe your parenting style? Give some specific examples.

How do you obtain the children's cooperation?

How do you direct the children's behavior?

Give an example of what you believe is unfavorable behavior of your children -

Mild

Moderate

Severe.

How would you describe your spouse's / ex-spouse's parenting style? Give some specific examples.

Do you have any concerns about your spouse's / ex-spouse's parenting skills?

I. Alcohol / Substance Use

Are any of the children using alcohol or other substances?

Have any of the children been treated for any substance abuse? If so, explain.

Do you have any concerns about the children and alcohol or other substances?

I. Legal

Are any of the children involved in legal difficulties? If so, describe briefly.

Have any of your children been arrested, or involved with the police, or the Juvenile Justice System?
If so, describe briefly.

7. Parents Issues

A. Medical

Do you or the other parent have any medical conditions that affects your or their ability to parent? If so, please give a brief description.

How do you think your spouse would answer the about question about you?

Are you currently using any medications?

B. Psychological

Have you or the other parent ever been evaluated or treated by a mental health professional? If so, please only give a brief description.

C. Alcohol / Substance Abuse

Have you or the other parent ever been evaluated or treated for alcohol or substance abuse problems? If so, please state who and when.

Do you have any concerns about the other parent's use of alcohol or drugs? If so, give only a brief description.

D. Legal Issues

List other associated legal actions that are in relation to the divorce and their status.
(E.g. restraining orders, temporary custody/visitation etc)

Please provide a copy of any Court Orders or Agreements.

Have the police ever been called for any disputes between you and your spouse? Are there any police reports? If so, please give a brief description.

Are there any other relevant legal actions you or your spouse are involved in, (i.e. arrests, convictions)

Have there been any reports of spousal or domestic violence involving you and your spouse / ex spouse? If so, please give a brief description, and the outcome of investigations.

Have there ever been any allegations of child abuse by either spouse or any other person related to the divorce? If so, please give details, such as dates, names, legal outcome, etc.

Do you have any concerns about abuse or neglect of your children from any person? If so please give a brief description.

E. Parental Conflict

What do you believe is the level of conflict between you and your spouse? Give a brief example.

How were conflicts or disputes resolved between you and your spouse prior to the separation/divorce?

Give a few examples with details

Have there ever been any physical altercations between you and your spouse? If so, please give details.
Any threat or use of weapons?

Do you have any disagreements over medical care of the children? If so, please give a brief description.

Do you have any disagreements over religious or educational training of the children? If so, please give a brief description

Are there any other issues you believe are important that need to be discussed? Please give a brief description.