



# Parenting Issues Inventory – Decision Making

Consider how you will make decisions for your children about short and long term.

## Day Care and Education

- How will decisions be made regarding day care or school selection?
- Will school records be accessible to both parents?
- How can both parents be aware of children’s participation in extra-curricular activities?
- How will these activities be chosen?

## Health and Medical Concerns

- Will medical records be accessible to both parents?
- How will decisions be made regarding children’s health care professionals and medical care?
- How will you handle medical emergencies or other serious illnesses?

## Religion

- How will decisions be made about religious education or spiritual/moral growth?

## General Decision-Making Concerns

- In the future, how will you manage changes to an established agreement as family needs change?
- What happens if you disagree?

## Communication between Parents

- How will you work together to help your children adjust to their parent’s separation/divorce?
- How can you best promote a good relationship between the children and each parent?
- What topics do you want to discuss in private, in front of the children, or in mediation?
- When/if difficulties or disagreements arise between parents, what will you do?

## Communication between Children and Parents

- Can children have telephone access to each parent?
- Can a parent call the children at the other parent’s home?

## Extended Family Relationships

- What types of relationships do you want your children to have with their siblings, grandparents, live-in companions and other special people?

## Safety Issues

- Are there concerns about verbal/physical abuse or violence against a spouse or child? What can be done to ensure safety?
- Are the children’s lives potentially affected by alcohol or drug use?

Notes/Other issues to discuss:

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