



What is your Parenting plan.

A parenting plan is an informal agreement about how you and the other party will parent your children in the future. It includes details like time spent with each parent, shared parental responsibility, education, cultural and spiritual choices and processes for making decisions.

We support your children to have both their mum and dad on their side.

Please bring a clear idea of the concerns that have brought you to mediation and several options to discuss with the other parent. It is very important that you get legal advice before the meeting so you have all the information you need to best agree on a parenting plan.

This sheet contains a checklist. It is designed to help you prioritise relevant aspects of your family life and also to prepare a short statement about what brings you to mediation. From the list, choose only those items that are currently concerning you or causing conflict. Think about how you will explain these concerns to the mediator in your short opening statement.



What to bring.

- ✓ Agreement to mediate
- ✓ Confidentiality agreement
- ✓ Your children's best interests
- ✓ A rough picture of family activities over the calendar month
- ✓ An idea of what you want to say in your opening statement (what brings you to mediation?)
- ✓ An understanding of your legal position having sought advice

You can give your children a happy childhood even when the family lives in two different places

If you go to court later it will be relevant that you have made a genuine attempt to reach an agreement

Getting the most out of your parenting dispute resolution meeting



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Prepare for your meeting

How will you and the other parent manage the following aspects of parenting together in the future?



Healthy parenting behaviours



Children's activities



Emergency contact arrangements



Shared parental responsibility



Transportation

Short opening statement



Time spent with parents



Education



Maintaining contact



Housekeeping



Extended family



Parenting Decisions
