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CHILD CUSTODY & CO-PARENTING

*Education, Resources & Support Services
for Successful Co-Parenting Strategies,
at no cost to the family.*

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MISSION & OUR “WHY”



MISSION Protect the rights of children to have access to their parents by **providing education, resources & support services for successful co-parenting strategies.**

OUR
Why:



*Children who grow up **without** access to both accountable parents are:*

- 20X more likely to be **Incarcerated**
- 9X more likely to **Drop out of School**
- 11X more likely to have **Violent Behavior**
- 4X more likely to **Live in Poverty**
- 10X more likely to **Abuse Chemical Substances**



Child Custody & Co-Parenting

NO COST SERVICES



1-ON-1 ENGAGEMENTS

Via Zoom, FaceTime, Phone,
Email & Text

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Parenting Plans

ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER

OCHR.org

100% Voluntary (demonstrates accountability)

- Parent determines method of communication for 1-on-1 consultations
- 1-on-1's (sometimes 2:1) are on-going & as-needed, determined by the parent

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

- In-person speaking

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

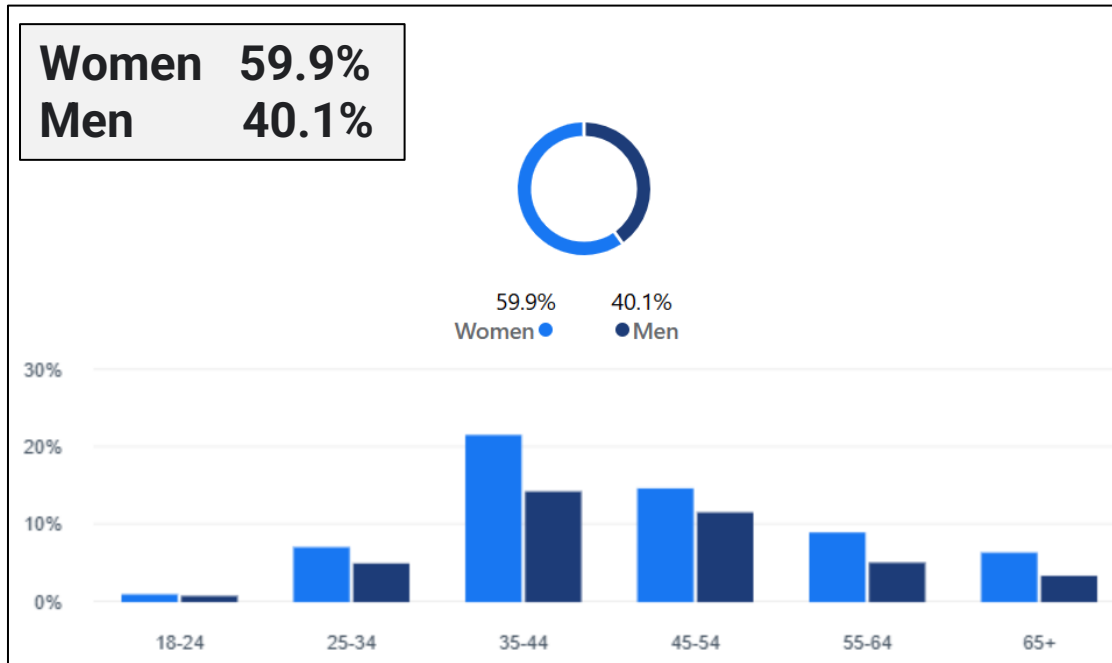
Award-Winning Program

Published articles & social media

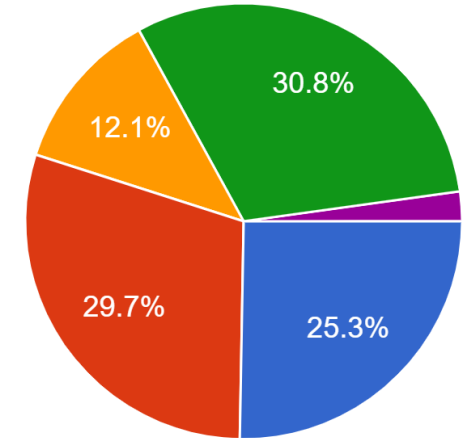
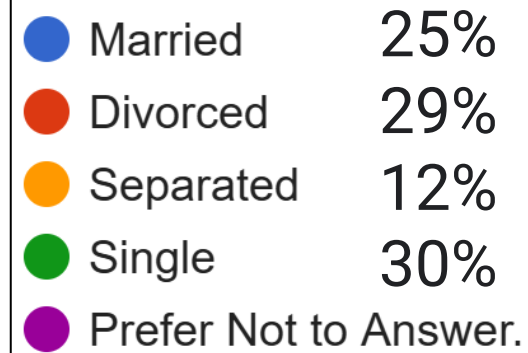
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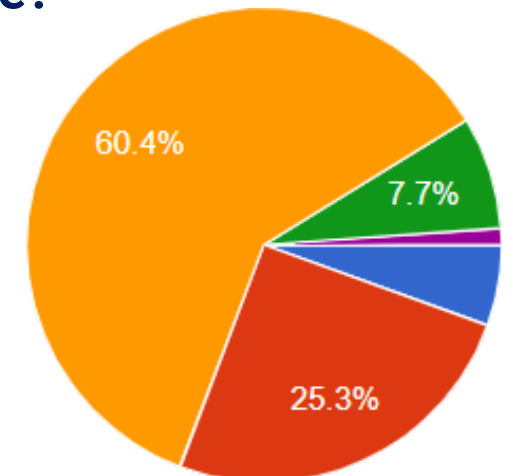
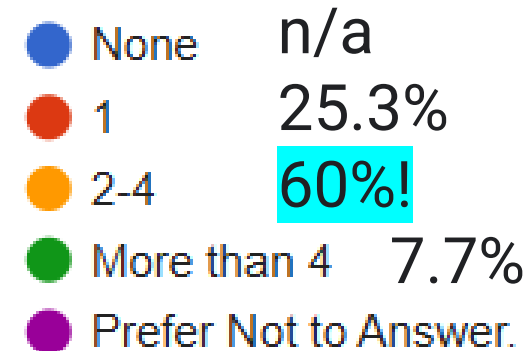
Age & Gender



What is your marital status?



How many children do you have?



CHILD CUSTODY & CO-PARENTING



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When parents gain knowledge of child development, **custody & co-parenting outcomes improve.**



Key Considerations



Schedules & Routine:

- Frequent, consistent contact with both parents is critical.
- How can this be maintained across two homes?



Child Care & Education:

- Who decides on school readiness programs & Pre-K?
- How can parents find affordable, convenient childcare?



Health & Screenings:

- What if parents disagree on a child's development concerns?
- Who decides on intervention or specialist recommendations?

WHAT IS A PARENTING PLAN?



The Role of Parenting Plans

Parenting plans guide:

- Decision-making
- Time-sharing
- Education & healthcare
- Conflict resolution

When parents understand child development, outcomes improve!



Legal document that governs the relationship between the parents & child(ren)

When should a parent learn about it? **ASAP**

What must be included?

- Time-sharing schedule
- Parental responsibilities
- Education, Healthcare
- Communication

Parenting Plan Checklist



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parenting Schedule | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discipline |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holidays | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birthdays and Other Special Occasions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Holidays, Sick Days, & Vacation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Responsibilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent Communication |

PARENTING PLANS

Child Development Considerations



SCHEDULES & ROUTINE:

Maintaining regular, frequent contact

- Does the time-sharing schedule accommodate this principle?

Is mom breastfeeding?

- Does the time-sharing schedule accommodate?

Parent Work Schedules

- Does the time-sharing schedule accommodate?

Why It Matters?

The most important years in a child's development are birth to age five.



**Infant/Toddler
(0-3)**



**Preschool
(3-5)**



**How do parenting plans
support their growth during
these vulnerable years?**

PARENTING PLANS

Child Development Considerations



Infant/Toddler Plans (0-3)

- Strive for regular, frequent contact
- Short periods in-between exchanges

Which contradicts...

- Minimize exchanges

Custody Schedules by Your Child's Age		
	Exchange frequency	Other tips
Baby 	Should not be away from either parent for more than 2 days	Keep exchanges at one time of day.
Toddler 	Can be away from each parent for up to 3 days	Add in calls when you're apart.

CustodyXChange More at custodyxchange.com

Preschool Age Plans (3-5)

- Parenting coordinators are good resources
- Coordination on School & Extracurricular activities (swim lessons)



Parenting plans may address:
Child's education, health care, physical, social, and emotional well-being, and must include a time-sharing schedule

Learn More: OurChildrenHaveRights.org/parenting-plans

PARENTING PLANS

Addressing Swim Lessons



What if a parent is adamant that an activity traditionally considered “**extracurricular**”, such as **Swim Lessons**, is too important to be **optional**, and should otherwise be **mandatory**?



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ADDRESSING SWIM SAFETY IN PARENTING PLANS

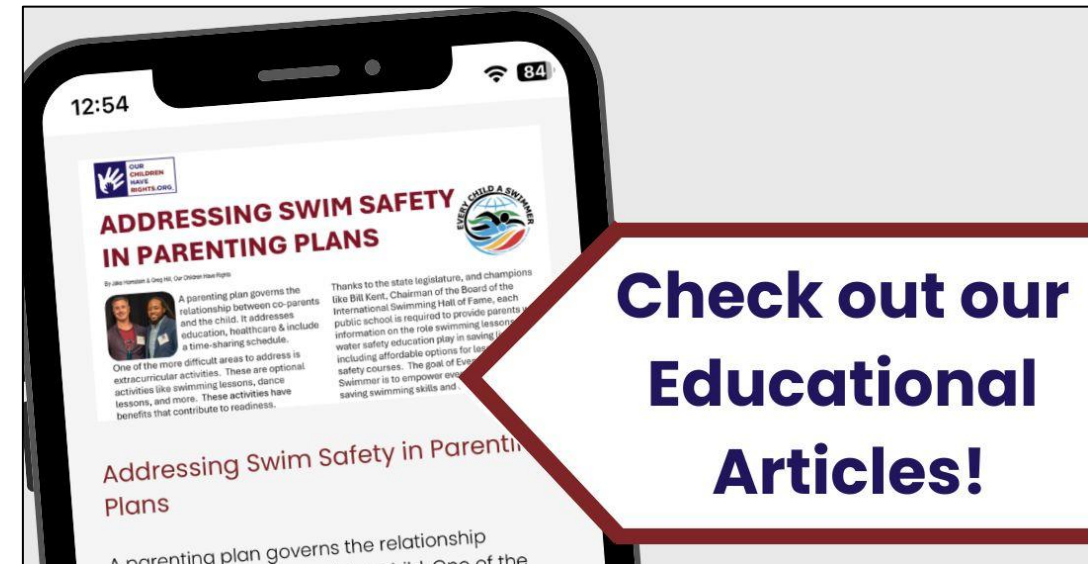
By Jake Hornstein & Greg Hill, Our Children Have Rights (OCHR)

One of the more difficult areas to address in Parenting Plans is extracurricular activities. These are optional activities, like swimming lessons, soccer and dance lessons. With shared decision-making, participation may be determined by each parent on the days they have time-sharing. This is addressed in the parenting plan. Parenting plan considerations include: **decision-making, scheduling, and transportation.**

more complicated for co-parents who aren't in sync on required participation. When disagreements are prolonged and parents can't agree, a judge decides! Each parent has *less control* over the outcome. When parents can anticipate these disagreements, better understand each other's concerns, they are more likely to develop a plan they can agree on without the decision being left to the courts.

Why? Because Every Child A Swimmer.

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Thanks to the state legislature, and champions like Bill Kent, Chairman of the Board of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, each public school is required to provide parents information on the role swimming lessons and water safety education play in saving lives, including affordable options for less-privileged families. The goal of Every Child A Swimmer is to empower every child with saving swimming skills and.

Check out our Educational Articles!

Addressing Swim Safety in Parenting Plans

A parenting plan governs the relationship between co-parents and the child. One of the

CUSTODY CASES

The Role of Healthcare

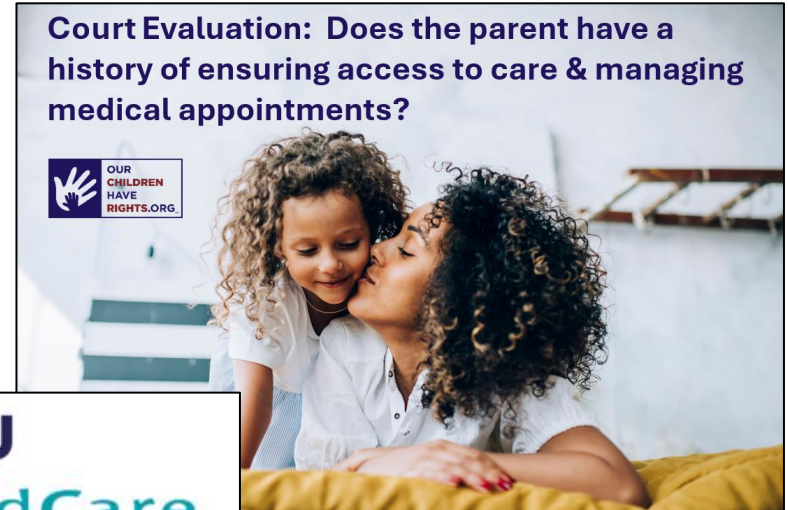


Courts prioritize "best interests of the child" when determining outcomes.

Decision-making: Does the parent demonstrate a history of attending appointments & understanding treatment plans?

Financial responsibility: Which parent is responsible for medical expenses & insurance?

Medical neglect: Failing to provide necessary medical care can be classified as child neglect and may affect a parent's custody rights.



HEALTHCARE & CO-PARENTING

Decision-Making





SCREENINGS:

- Disagreements re: development concerns
- Disagreements re: behavior issues
- Ex: Specialist suggests treatment: 1 parent agrees, the other opposes, who decides?

DISPUTES


- Vaccinations, Therapy, Refusing to administer medication
- Common during BTS



Navigating the process of protecting your child's rights to have access to you as a parent.

Healthcare Decisions with Shared Parental Responsibility

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Shared parental responsibility means a court-ordered relationship in which **both parents** retain full parental rights and responsibilities with respect to their child. The expectation is that co-parents will confer with each other, and major decisions affecting

Keeping each other informed and communicating effectively will help avoid destructive disputes. Above all, it ensures the child receives the best possible health care and medical treatments.

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Key Healthcare Information to Share:

- **Child's medical history & health updates**
- **Doctor and provider contact info**
- **Appointment and office visit details**
- **Current medications & prescription changes**
- **Emergency contacts and instructions**



Learn more at OurChildrenHaveRights.org



HEALTHCARE

Shared Parental Responsibility



INFORMATION SHARING

- Medical history
- Changes in prescriptions
- Current medications
- Provider suggestions
- All emergency contacts
- Contact info of doctors/providers
- Details of scheduled appointments



Communication is Key!

Stay proactive.
Share healthcare updates regularly.



Make decisions **together** — because your **child's health matters most.**

CO-PARENTING: HEALTHCARE DECISION- MAKING WITH SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (JOINT CUSTODY)

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When it comes to shared medical decision-making, **co-parents need to keep each other informed about their child's medical and healthcare situations.**

Here are examples of what should

- The child's medical history, including
- Contact information of doctors
- Contact information & details for
- Changes in the child's health status
- Medications the child is currently taking
- Changes in the prescriptions, dosages, or
- All suggestions made by the child's healthcare provider or therapist regarding interventions, immunizations or procedures
- All emergency contacts and instructions



Medical decisions can have a significant impact on a child's health and well-being.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION'S

Utilizing ELC's For Successful Co-Parenting



We encourage parents to utilize ELC resources to address **(and avoid)** co-parenting challenges.

SCHOOL READINESS & VPK

- Remain/return to workforce
- Pursue C.E., workforce certificate programs
- Eligibility requirements incentivize employment
- **Enrollment is a hedge against disruptions to the time-sharing schedule**

CHILD CARE

- Single parent median income: 20+% on childcare
- Implications on Support Calculations



Utilizing ELC's For Successful Co-Parenting



Steer parents to ELC resources that address or avoid the issues we're discussing.

SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

- District Calendars (cross reference time-sharing)
- Back-To-School Checklists
- Attendance Tips
- Ages & Stages Questionnaires
- **Reading Programs**
- CCR&R
- Family Guides



EARLY LEARNING Partnerships



We thank the many ELC's & supporters for your partnerships. And we invite others to utilize us as a resource as well:

- Provide articles for newsletters
- Guest Speaking
- Share your programs/social media
- Highlight in our articles/social media
- Outreach Events
- Product Donations/Sponsorships
- Resource for families
- Resource for our early learning peers



THANK YOU!



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