

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND AND FAMILY

1. Please list the name(s) of the child(ren) of whom you are seeking custody, and include the date of birth, age, current residence, length of residence and all prior residences for each child.

2. Please list any other child(ren) in your household, including the age, date of birth, length of residence and all prior residences of each child.

3. Please identify other family or extended family members, including step-mother or father, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who have contact and/or communications with the child(ren).

d. What major problems did you experience growing up in your family?

Current Employer:

Address:

Phone Number:

Title/Position:

Employment Record (May enclose resume if more convenient)

Please list any employer, including address, phone number and dates of employment, you have had since the age of 18.

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Educational Background (include years of attendance and date of degree, if any)

High School:

College/University:

Vocational/Technical:

Post-Graduate:

Organizational Affiliations

Please list any organizations, excluding professional or work-related organizations, in which you have participated in during the last ten (10) years.

Financial Information

Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Is so, when? Are you going to file bankruptcy in the future? Please provide documentation related to any bankruptcy filings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MARRIAGE

Place (City & State):

Date:

Places of residence during marriage:

Duration of marriage

Date of divorce

- a. How did you and your spouse meet?
- b. Why did you marry your spouse?
- c. Had you discussed having/wanting children?
- d. Did you discuss how you wanted to raise your children?
- e. Describe the reason for the divorce/separation.
- f. Has there ever been any form of abuse in your marriage (physical, emotional, mental or verbal)?
- g. Has there ever been an alcohol or drug abuse in your marriage?
- h. Do you/did you want the divorce/separation?
- i. Describe what you understand your partner's reason is for the divorce/separation?
- j. Did you pursue any formal counseling/therapy for yourself? For how long? Why? Results?
- k. Did you request that your spouse seek marriage counseling/therapy with you? What was your spouse's response?
- l. What was your goal or what did you want to accomplish by obtaining counseling/therapy?

- m. How have you/did you deal with problems in your marriage?
- n. How did your spouse deal with problems in your marriage?
- o. Have you tried to keep your family together? Describe your efforts.
- p. Did your spouse try to keep the family together? Describe your spouse's efforts.
- q. Describe each child's relationship with you and with your spouse.
- r. Has there ever been any form of abuse toward your child(ren)? Describe.
- s. What have you told your child(ren) about the divorce/separation/current litigation?
- t. How did the child(ren) react?
- u. Do you discuss the other parent with your child(ren)? What do you say?
- v. How does your child(ren) feel about the other parent?
- w. Why do you want custody?
- x. In what way(s) would you be the better parent if you had primary physical custody?
- y. What do you think of the other parent's parenting of your child(ren)?

z. What objections do you have about the way the other parent parents?

aa. In what ways is the other parent a good parent?

bb. In what areas do the two of you agree and disagree concerning the raising of your child(ren)?

cc. Describe the other parent's strengths.

dd. Who does the child(ren) often go to when the child(ren) feel sad or is hurt?

ee. Has/have the child(ren) stated a preference with whom the child(ren) want to live?

ff. What if you knew your child(ren) wanted to live with the other parent but could not say that to you? How would you handle your child(ren)'s wish?

Witnesses

Please prepare a list of witnesses with whom you would like me to speak. I will need each witness's address and phone numbers. Also include the information each witness knows about you and/or your child. Potential witnesses may be family members, teachers, members of the clergy, neighbors, doctors and counselors.