

APPENDIX 2  
MIAMI COUNTY JUVENILE COURT  
MODEL PARENTING TIME OPTIONS

PARENT 1: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARENTS TRAVELING UNDER 90 MILES ONE WAY:**

Liberal parenting time arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the Journal Entry take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court if need for such is shown.

Activities you engage in with your children, skills you teach them, or friends you help them make will make their time with you more rewarding. Additionally, regardless of how much time each parent spends with the children, there are many opportunities to be involved in their lives, such as participation and attendance at their school, sporting and extracurricular activities.

PARENTING TIME BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND THE PARENTS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE, BUT IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT SHALL BE **(CHOOSE ONE OPTION)**

**OPTION - STANDARD WEEKEND:**

1. **Weekends:** Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. This alternating weekend schedule shall not change, even when interrupted by holiday and birthday, summer and/or vacation parenting time. (See Section 4a and 5 below)

2. **Weekdays:** Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) shall have one weekday evening per week from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. which shall be Wednesday unless otherwise agreed. The parent exercising weekday evening parenting time shall be responsible for picking up AND returning the children for this parenting time. The other parent shall have the remaining weekday parenting time.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 6 p.m.	Parent 2
Week2	Parent 2 Parent 1 6 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1

**OPTION - WEEKEND AND MIDWEEK OVERNIGHT:**

1. **Weekends:** Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Monday at 6:00 p.m. This alternating weekend schedule shall not change, even when interrupted by holiday and birthday, summer and/or vacation parenting time. (See Section 4a and 5 below)

2. **Weekdays:** Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) shall have one weekday overnight per week from 6:00 p.m. until the next morning to school/day care or 8:00 a.m., whichever is applicable. This overnight shall be Wednesday unless otherwise agreed. The parent exercising weekday overnight parenting time shall be responsible for all transportation during this parenting time. The other parent shall have the remaining weekday parenting time.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 5 p.m.	Parent 2 to school or 8 a.m. Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 6 p.m.	Parent 2
Week2	Parent 2	Parent 2 Parent 1 6 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 5 p.m.	Parent 2 to school or 8 a.m. Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1

**OPTION - SPLIT WEEK & ALTERNATE WEEKENDS:**

1. **Weekends:** Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Monday at 6:00 p.m. This alternating weekend schedule shall not change, even when interrupted by holiday and birthday, summer and/or vacation parenting time. (See Section 4a and 5 below)

2. **Weekdays:** Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) shall have parenting time with the children each Monday beginning at 6:00 p.m. until drop-off to school/daycare on Wednesday (or 6:00 p.m. if no school), Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle the other parent) shall have parenting time with the children from Wednesday after school (or 6:00 p.m. if no school) until drop-off to school/daycare on Friday (or 6:00 p.m. if no school).

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 after school or 6 p.m.	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2
Week2	Parent 2	Parent 2 Parent 1 6 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 after school or 6 p.m.	Parent 2	Parent 2 Parent 1 after school or 6 p.m.	Parent 1

**OPTION - WEEK ON/WEEK OFF:**

1. The children shall reside equally with both parents on an alternating weekly basis. The children shall transition from one parent's residence to the other every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. unless the parties agree upon a different day and time.

2. The parent who is not exercising weekly parenting time shall be entitled to spend one weekday evening with the children from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., which shall be Wednesday unless otherwise agreed. The parent exercising weekday evening parenting time shall be responsible for picking up AND returning the children for this parenting time.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Parent 2 Parent 1 6 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1 Parent 2 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
Week 2	Parent 1 Parent 2 6 p.m.	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2 Parent 1 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2

3. **Extracurricular Activities:** Regardless of where the children are living, their participation in agreed upon new, and existing and renewed extracurricular activities, school related or otherwise, shall continue uninterrupted. The parent with whom they are residing at the time of the activity shall provide the transportation to these activities. Notice of all extracurricular activities, school related, or otherwise, in which the children participate, schedules of all extracurricular activities (handwritten, if no formal schedule is provided by the activity) and the name of the activity leader (including address and telephone number if reasonably available) shall be exchanged between the parents.

4. **Holidays:** In odd-numbered years, Parent 1 has Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Easter, Fourth of July, and Beggar's Night. In odd-numbered years, Parent 2 has President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day weekend, from Wednesday until Sunday. In the even-numbered years, the schedules are reversed.

- a. If the parties cannot agree on times, the parent exercising holiday parenting time shall have from 10:00 a.m. the day of the holiday until 7:00p.m., except for Beggar's Night as observed in that parent's community. When the holiday falls on a Monday immediately following the parent who is exercising parenting time's regular weekend, that parent shall be entitled to keep the children continuously from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 7:00p.m. Monday. Weekend rotation remains the same after holidays.
- b. Mother's Day and Father's Day are to be spent with the appropriate parent. These are as agreed or 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For same-sex parents, Parent 1 shall have the even-numbered designated day and Parent 2 shall have the odd-numbered designated day.
- c. The child's birthday shall always be spent with the Parent 1 in the even-numbered years and shall always be spent with the Parent 2 in the odd-numbered years. However, nothing herein should be construed to prevent a parent from delivering a gift or attending a party if it is otherwise appropriate, i.e., at a grandparent's after invitation. The parent exercising birthday parenting time must provide one week's notice of their intent to have visitation for a birthday.

If the parties cannot agree, the time is 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. for a child not in school on the birthday, and 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. for a child in school on their birthday. The child's birthday is to be spent with the designated parent, even if the other parent is entitled to the weekend, holiday or vacation with the child. (Brothers and sisters shall be allowed to attend the birthday event.)

- d. For Winter Break, in all even- numbered years, Parent 1 shall have the child(ren) from 9:00 a.m. the day after school recesses (or 9:00 a.m. on December 20 if the child(ren) are not in school), until 3:00 p.m. December 25 and Parent 2 shall have the child(ren) from 3:00p.m. December 25 through 6:00p.m. January 1. In all odd-numbered years, the reverse shall apply.
  - e. Other days of special meaning, such as Religious Holidays, parents' and children's birthdays, and other school days off shall be as determined by the parties. If the parties cannot agree, then the regular Weekday/Weekend parenting time schedule shall take precedence.
  - f. Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) shall have visitation for Spring Break from school, in alternate years, commencing in the calendar year after the decree or order is filed.
5. Summer: (Doesn't apply to Option: Week on/Week off) Commencing the first Sunday after the children are out of school, each parent shall exercise parenting time with the children in one week blocks of time with Parent 1/Parent 2(circle one) exercising the first one week block. Alternating weekends shall continue so that each parent has time with the children during the other parent's two week block, however alternating weekend parenting time may not always occur at the midpoint of the two week block. The summer schedule commences the day after the children are out of school and continues until seven (7) days before school begins.
6. Vacations: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two (2) weeks with the children. Each parent shall schedule this vacation during his/her time during the summer (For parents with Option: Week on/Week off as their regular parenting time schedule, each parent may arrange either two one-week vacations to take place only during his/her time or they may arrange one two-week vacation using one week of each parent's time, which shall only be permitted if a two-week vacation is scheduled). The vacationing parent shall notify the other parent and provide a general itinerary of the vacation to the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses, and telephone numbers, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled vacation. Holiday and birthday celebrations with either parent shall not be missed, requiring scheduling of the vacation around these events. If parenting time with the other parent is missed during vacation, there is no requirement that it be made up. Parents shall notify each other of their vacation plans by May 31 each year, and in the event of a conflict, Parent 1's schedule shall prevail in odd-numbered years; Parent 2's schedule shall prevail in even-numbered years.
7. Order of Priority: In the event of conflicting dates and times, the following order of priority shall take precedence: Holidays, Spring/Summer/Winter Breaks, Birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, Vacations, Weekends, then Weekdays.
8. Communication:
- a. Children can communicate with either parent as often as they wish, at reasonable times and frequencies, via telephone or electronic means (e.g. text, Skype, FaceTime).
  - b. In addition, the non-possessory parent shall be entitled to telephone or electronic (e.g. FaceTime, Skype) communication of reasonable duration with the children not fewer than three times per week.
  - c. Neither parent shall excessively interfere with nor stop the telephone or electronic communication.

9. **Transportation:** With the exception of weekday overnight/evening parenting time, the parties shall divide the transportation equally. The parent who is exercising parenting time shall pick up the children. The parent exercising weekday evening parenting time shall be responsible for picking up AND returning the children for this parenting time. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed by the parents, drop off/pick up shall be at the parents' respective homes, the children's school, or day care, whichever is applicable.

In Option for Split Week and Alternate Weekends, Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) is the parent responsible for picking up the children from school/day care on Monday afternoon and taking the children to school/day care on Wednesday morning, and Parent 1/Parent 2 (circle one) is responsible for picking the children up from school/day care on Wednesday afternoon and taking them to school/day care on Friday morning. The parent who has the weekend is responsible for picking up the children from school/day care on Friday afternoon and taking them to school/day care on Monday morning. The 6:00 p.m. time on exchange days only applies when a child is not attending school or day care on that day, and in that circumstance, the parent who is beginning their parenting time shall pick the children up from the other parent at 6:00 p.m. that day.

The parties may designate a licensed, insured driver known to the children to provide any of this transportation, if necessary.

10. **Moving:** Upon either parent learning that he/she will be moving, he/she shall immediately notify the other parent, but not less than sixty (60) days prior to the move except in those circumstances wherein notice is not required by R.C. 3109.051(G), and provide the other parent with the moving date, new residence address and telephone number, and such other pertinent information necessary to effectuate a smooth move for the children. The parents shall attempt, in good faith, to renegotiate an appropriate and beneficial new parenting time schedule.

11. **Waiting:** Neither parent shall be more than 30 minutes late picking up the children without notice to the other parent. If the non-possessory parent has not arrived to pick up the children within the 30 minute period and has failed to contact the possessory parent, parenting time may be forfeited in the possessory parent's discretion and shall not be required to be made up.

12. **Cancellation:** The non-possessory parent should give 24 hour notice to cancel. The time cancelled by the non-possessory parent is forfeited.

13. **Illness:** If a child is ill, the possessory parent should give 24 hour notice, if possible, so appropriate plans can be made to accommodate the child's illness. However, parenting time shall not be denied or forfeited based upon a child's illness unless it is pursuant to written orders by a licensed medical professional. If any parenting time, weekend, holiday/birthday, or vacation is missed due to non-emergency and/or non-critical illness, then any missed parenting time shall be made up as provided in paragraph 14. All prescribed medication shall be exchanged between the parents.

14. **Make-Up Parenting time:** Any make-up parenting time required by this schedule shall occur the first weekend of the other parent immediately following the missed parenting time and shall continue during the other parent's weekends until made up in full, including partial weekends.

15. **Current Address and Telephone Number:** Except as provided in the court order, each parent shall keep the other informed of his/her current address, home, cell and work telephone numbers, and a regularly accessible e-mail address at all times.

**Emergency Contact:** Both parents shall at all times, regardless of whether the children are with him/her, provide the other parent with a telephone number for contact in the event of an emergency.

16. Car Seat: Every parent shall have and utilize a car seat and booster seat as required by law.
17. Clothing: The parents shall cooperate in the exchange of the children's clothing prior to and following parenting time.
18. Pre-School Age: Unless otherwise agreed, pre-school age children follow the same schedule of school age children in the school district where they live regardless of whether or not other school age children live in the family. Frequent contact with both parents each week is recommended for very young children.
19. Infants (Birth to 12 Months): The court recognizes that parenting time with infants carries unique concerns because of the required skills of the parents and the needs of the child. It is important that both parents are able to observe, share, and participate in activities with the infant. When possible, it is encouraged that the non-residential or non-custodial parent have parenting time with the child that is shorter in duration but occurs more frequently. Unless otherwise ordered or agreed upon by the parents, the following schedule shall be utilized for children from birth through twelve months (except if the parties have an older child together, then the infant will follow the older child's parenting time schedule):
  - a. The non-residential or non-custodial parent shall have parenting time for a twenty-four hour period each weekend, from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday at 6:00 p.m. the first weekend; from Saturday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. the second weekend, and alternating these time periods each weekend thereafter. Weekday parenting time shall be on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.
  - b. Holiday parenting time shall not be observed, except as follows: The non-residential or non-custodial parent shall have the child for Thanksgiving parenting time from Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. until Thursday evening at 8 p.m., Winter Break parenting time from 6 p.m. Christmas Eve to 6 p.m. Christmas Day in even-numbered years or 6 p.m. Christmas Day to 6 p.m. December 26 in odd-numbered years, Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends from 6 p.m. Sunday to 6 p.m. Monday, and Mother's Day or Father's Day (whichever is applicable) from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m.
  - c. The non-residential or non-custodial parent shall be responsible for all transportation to exercise the above parenting time.

The parties shall communicate regarding sleep schedules, feeding schedules, and any special dietary or other considerations for the child. The non-residential or non-custodial parents shall follow these schedules and considerations so as to make the transition between homes as seamless as possible for the infant child.