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## **PARENTING CHECKLIST**

1. Goals of parenting after separation
2. Decision making for education, medical treatment, religious upbringing
3. Schedule for children
  - Weekdays/nights and weekends (Regular school year)
  - School vacations
  - Holidays (e.g. Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter, Palm Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Halloween, others)
  - Special days (e.g. children's birthdays, parents' birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day)
  - Jewish Holidays (e.g. Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah)
4. Special Agreements
  - Pick up and return
  - Child care arrangement
  - Sick days – School in service days
  - Payment for college
  - Education and health information about children
  - Consistency between homes
  - Labels for Custody
  - Other

5. Missed Visits
  - Notice
  - Reimbursement for expenses incurred
  
6. Evolving Parenting Arrangements
  - Parent moving away
  - Step-Parents – Blended family
  - Growing older
  - Children’s future
  - Regular Reviews
  
7. Decision-Making and Parent Meetings
  - Meet and confer
  - Mini evaluations
  - Required mediator