

Parents with minor children must complete a **Parenting Plan** as part of the final judgment. This is a difficult task for most parents.

A Parenting Plan is a detailed legal document that identifies important short-term and long-term considerations about how married and unmarried parents will co-parent their children. A Parenting Plan will detail the rights and responsibilities of both parents in the raising of their children.

Designing an Effective Parenting Plan, parents will be able to

- Stay focused and keep on track,
- Identify sources of co-parenting conflict,
- Reduce future conflict by writing a plan without "holes", and
- Understand the court process when parents dispute custody and placement.

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What is typically in a Parent Plan?

- Residential and child care arrangements
- Time spent with each parent and the extended family
- Financial arrangements
- Recreation and holiday arrangements
- Resolution of conflict
- Education and religious, spiritual & cultural issues
- Logistical issues in shared parenting
- Whatever the needs of the parent and child may be
- Health and Emergency issues

What are some of the Objectives of Parenting Plans?

- Provide for the child's physical care
- Maintain the child's emotional stability
- Provide for the child's changing needs as the child grows and matures in a way that minimizes the need for future modifications to the permanent parenting plan
- Set forth the authority and responsibilities of each parent with respect to the child
- Minimize the child's exposure to harmful parental conflict
- Encourage the parents to meet their responsibilities to their minor child through agreements in the permanent parenting plan, rather than by relying on judicial intervention
- To otherwise protect the best interests of the child

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Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM

Saturday: 8 AM – 12 PM

Attendees Please Note:

- This program DOES NOT replace the mandatory Parent Education & Family Stabilization Course required by Florida Statute chapter 61.21.
- Picture ID is required at check-in.
- Please arrive 20 minutes early for check-in.
- Students who arrive late will not be admitted.
- Parents may attend the class together if they both agree. However, each person must call in to register for themselves.
- Certificates of Completion will be given at the end of the class.
- Children are NOT permitted in the class. No exceptions.

Locations:

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Tampa, FL 33607

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Brandon

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Tampa, FL 33619

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