

**FRIEND OF THE COURT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CUSTODY AND
PARENTING TIME INVESTIGATION**

This questionnaire aims to obtain a comprehensive picture of your background to assist the Friend of the Court in understanding the family dynamics before making any recommendation to the Court. By completing these questions as thoroughly and accurately as possible, you will cut down on the time it will take to complete the Friend of the Court study and reduce the time you will need to spend interviewing with the Friend of the Court. If you do not want to answer a particular question, write "do not care to answer."

Case Information					
Date		Email		Phone Number	
Name		DOB		Social Security Number	
Other Parties Name				DOB	
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Your Attorney					
Other Parties Attorney					

Your Family Relationship				
Relation	Name	Address	Phone Number	DOB
Mother				
Father				
Sibling				
Sibling				
Sibling				

Employment				
Company Name	Location		Title	
Hourly Pay		Weekly Pay		Annual Pay
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Company Name	Location		Title	
Hourly Pay		Weekly Pay		Annual Pay

How Likely are you to be relocated by your employer? YES NO

If you answered yes to the above question, please explain.

What is the likelihood of moving from where you now reside? If you plan on moving, please provide where, when, and why you plan to transfer below.

Information About Minor Children					
Name	DOB	Sex	School Name	Grade	Teacher's Name

Are any of the children experiencing problems in the school? Yes No

If you answered yes to the above question, please explain.

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When did you last talk to a teacher(s) in person, and why?
Which parent is most involved with the schooling?
Is your child(ren) involved, or will they be involved in any extracurricular school activities, e.g., Sports, music, or clubs?
Have you, the child(ren), or the other party been involved with counseling relative to marriage, divorce, separation, or custody? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide when, who, and what happened.
Describe your personality.
Explain how you and the other party got along.
Describe your relationship with the child(ren) and your parenting characteristics.
Describe the other party's relationship with the child(ren) and parenting characteristics they have.
Is it important to promote a close and continuing parent/child relationship between the child(ren) subject to this proceeding and their other parent? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Please explain your answer below.

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Health Information

Primary Physician

Date of Last Exam

Which parent usually takes the child(ren) to the doctor?

Describe the health of the child(ren). Please list any medications the child(ren) is taking.

Have you or anyone in your family been diagnosed with a mental health disorder? YES NO

If you answered yes to the above question, please explain below.

Have you and anyone in your family been diagnosed with substance abuse addictions, e.g., alcohol or drugs?

YES NO

If you answered yes to the above question, please describe below.

Did alcohol or drugs play a part in the relationship problems? YES NO

If you answered yes to the above question, please explain below.

Was there any physical violence in this relationship? YES NO

If you answered yes to the above question, please explain below.

Parenting Time and Custody

Are there currently any parenting time or custody orders? YES NO

Please provide the information below if you answered yes to the above question.

If there aren't current parenting time and custody orders, please describe what you want to see set up for parenting time and custody.

RELATIONSHIP HISTORY

Are you currently in a relationship or married? YES NO

If you answered yes, how long have you been married or together? Below, please describe the relationship your

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partner or spouse has with your children.

Child Care

Who provides or would provide childcare for the child(ren) while you or the other parent are at work?

Please provide the childcare provider's name, address, contact information, and cost below.

Please explain anything else you would like the Friend of the Court Office to know regarding your case below.

Please complete the below child custody factors survey only if there is no agreement with Custody. Please select the answer that best represents your feelings.

1. You are more familiar with the child(ren)s favorite shows, snacks, etc.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
2. The other parent is more familiar with the child(ren)s favorite shows, snacks, etc.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
3. You are the parent who child(ren) is more likely to share how their day went.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
4. The other parent is likelier to hear about how the child(ren)'s day went.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
5. You are the parent who stays home from work if the child(ren) are sick.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
6. The other parent is likelier to stay home from work if the child(ren) are sick.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
7. You are more involved with the child(ren)'s school events. Ex. Sporting events, enrolling in programs, etc.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
8. The other parent is likelier to be involved with the child(ren)'s school events. Ex. Sporting events, enrolling in programs, etc.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
9. You are the parent most likely to do disciplining of the child(ren) or enforce the rules.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
10. The other parent will most likely discipline the child(ren) or enforce the rules.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
11. You are the parent most likely to bathe and dress the child(ren).
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
12. The other parent is likelier to bathe and dress the child(ren).
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
13. You are the parent most likely to tuck the child(ren) into bed at night.
 Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

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<p>14. The other parent is likelier to tuck the child(ren) into bed at night. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>15. You are more likely to purchase the child(ren)'s clothing, food, toys, or anything they may need. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>16. The other parent is likelier to purchase the child(ren)'s clothing, food, toys, or anything they may need. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>17. You are most likely to take schedule and pay for the child(ren)'s childcare. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>18. You are most likely to take schedule and pay for the child(ren)'s childcare. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>19. You are more likely to move from your current residence. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>20. The other parent is likelier to move from their current residence. <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>
<p>21. You feel that joint custody would be in the best interest of the child(ren). <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree</p>

I declare that this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name	Date
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Scoring for Survey		
Answer	Totals	Notes
Strongly Agrees		
Agrees		
Neutral		
Disagree		
Strongly Disagree		
Case Manager Notes		

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCREENING	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Your name: _____ Date: _____
First, middle, and last name

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for families with a friend of the court case. We often meet with both parents. However, there are times bringing both parents together may not be appropriate. Your answers to the following questions will help us determine whether both parents can meet together in a safe environment. The information you provide can only be viewed by judges, referees, and friend of the court staff. It cannot be viewed by the other parent or his or her attorney, and it cannot be used in any court proceedings. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Do you feel safe around the other parent? yes no If no, please explain: _____

2. Is there currently or has there ever been a personal protection order or a no contact order limiting contact between you and the other parent? yes no If yes, please explain and include when and where:

3. Is there currently or has there ever been a personal protection order or a no contact order issued against the other parent or you by someone else? yes no Unknown about other parent If yes, please explain and include when and where:

4. Have the police been called to your home or involved in any incidents in the past year between you and the other parent? yes no If yes, please describe: _____

5. Have you or the other parent been arrested in the past year? yes no

If yes, please describe: _____

6. Have you ever felt unsafe around the other parent? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

7. Is there currently or has there ever been child protective (abuse/neglect) actions involving you and/or the other parent in Michigan or any other state or country? yes no unknown about other parent

If yes, please explain: _____

8. Do you have any concerns about discussing issues regarding your children in front of the other parent? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

9. Are you afraid that the other parent will harm or pressure you during or after a friend of the court meeting because of what is discussed in the meeting? yes no If yes, please explain _____

10. Do you have any concerns about sitting in the same room with the other parent? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

11. Do you think you can speak up for yourself in a friend of the court meeting if the other parent is also present?

yes no If no, please explain: _____

12. Has the other parent ever made you feel threatened or harassed? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

13. Is there anything not already discussed that would prevent you from participating in a friend of the court meeting with the other parent? yes no If yes, please explain: _____

Your safety is important, so please contact us to discuss any safety concerns you may have and what can be done to address your concerns.

Date

Signature