

## Questions on Kids

About you-

Your name:

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Address:

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Employer:

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Position:

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How long have you been there?

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Prior employment:

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Prior marriage:

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Children of prior marriage or relationship (names, dob)

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About your ex-spouse:

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Date of marriage:

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Place of marriage:

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Name, DOB, Birthplace of each child of marriage:

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If you are seeking sole custody, please explain the reason:

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**What is the general custody/living arrangement schedule with the children right now?**

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**How long has this been the general custody living arrangement?**

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**What are the shared responsibilities of you and your spouse for your child(ren)?**

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**Who bathes the children and grooms them?**

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**Are the children nursing?**

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**Who takes care of the children during the day?**

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**Who puts the children to bed at night?**

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**Who prepares the meals?**

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**Who arranges medical and dental care and brings the child to doctor's appointments?**

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**Who takes the children to school?**

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**Who picks the children up from school?**

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**Who shops for the children's clothes?**

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**Who transports the children to extracurricular activities?**

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**Do you or your spouse participate in your child's recreational or educational activities?**

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**Explain?**

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**Do the children receive religious training?**

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**Who arranges the children's birthday parties?**

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**Who helps the children with their homework?**

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**Who attends parent-teacher conferences?**

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**Are the children more likely to turn to you or your ex-spouse when they have a problem?**

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**Do you feel your children are closer to you or your ex-spouse?**

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**Are the children in day-care or with a sitter?**

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**How many hours per week?**

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**Provide name, address and telephone number of the day-care service or sitter?**

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**Who arranges for the day-care or sitter?**

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**Who cares for the children when they are ill?**

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**Who disciplines the children?**

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**By what method?**

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**Have the division of responsibility for childcare changed over the years?**

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**Please explain:**

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**What hours do you work during the week?**

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**Do you have flexible hours?**

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**Do you travel for work?**

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**What is your traveling schedule generally?**

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**Is your schedule going to change in the future?**

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**What are your plans for child care in the future?**

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**What is your housing arrangement presently, including number of bedrooms?**

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**What hours does your ex-spouse work during the week?**

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**Does he/she have flexible hours?**

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**Does he/she travel for work?**

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**What is his/her traveling schedule generally?**

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**Is the schedule going to change in the future?**

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**What is your ex-spouse's housing arrangement presently, including number of bedrooms?**

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**Do any of the children have special educational or healthcare needs?**

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**Please explain?**

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**Which spouse is meeting those needs?**

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**How is your childrens' educational performance?**

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**Has the childrens' academic performance changed recently?  
(please explain)**

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**Have you spoken badly about your ex-spouse in front of your children?**

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**Explain**

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**Has your ex-spouse spoken badly about you in front of your children?**

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**Explain**

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**Have you blocked the other parent from visitation with the children?**

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**Has your ex-spouse blocked you from visitation with the children?**

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**How well have you and your ex-spouse been able to cooperate on matters concerning the children?**

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**Do you and your spouse have the same values regarding how the children should be raised? (explain)**

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**Do you plan to move in the coming 5 years?**

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**Does your spouse plan to move in the coming 5 years?**

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**Skeletons in the Closet, that Tend to Come Out During Divorce -**  
**(We are asking so that we can prepare your case in the most effective manner for you. Learning surprises about important facts at hearings will harm our ability to help you):**

**Have you or your spouse or ex-spouse:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ committed a felony?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ been arrested?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ been in jail or prison**
- \_\_\_\_\_ used illegal drugs?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ abused prescription drugs?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ abused alcohol?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ been arrested for or convicted of drinking while under the influence of alcohol (drunk driving)?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in gambling activities (legal or illegal)?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in other illegal activities?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ attempted suicide?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ been hospitalized for an emotional or psychiatric disorder?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ suffered from or received treatment for an emotional or psychiatric condition?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ abused your spouse?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ abused your child?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ had a sexual relationship during the marriage with someone other than your spouse?**
- \_\_\_\_\_ had a sexual relationship (during or not during the marriage) with someone other than your spouse of which the children were aware? If so, describe the children's feelings about the person(s) involved in the relationship.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ had a pregnancy outside of marriage?  
\_\_\_\_\_ drunk socially? If so, what do you drink and with what frequency?

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If you or your spouse or ex-spouse have a relationship with a person whom the children see frequently and that person would answer "yes" to one or more of the preceding "skeleton in the closet" questions, describe the situation:

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Has your child told you with what parent he/she prefers to live?

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Have you and your ex-spouse attempted to work out a settlement of the case between yourselves? What progress have you made? What are your positions?

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Who do you think would make good witnesses for you and what do you think the testimony would be?

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Possible witnesses include neighbors, the children's teachers, friends, doctors, baby-sitters, daycare workers, clergy and family members.

Name:

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**Address:**

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**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Telephone:**

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**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Telephone:**

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**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**What do you think the child support payment arrangement should be?**

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**Should the children have a geographic restriction to be raised in a certain area?**

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**What should the child visitation schedule be after this divorce?**

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**What parent will claim the child as dependent on taxes after this divorce?**

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**What parent can/should provide private health insurance will be for the children after this divorce?**

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