

# **INFANT PARENTING TIME SCHEDULES 0-18 MONTHS**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Parents of infants should establish a parenting time schedule that is consistent, predictable and routine in nature, as the primary developmental task of an infant is to establish a sense of trust in their environment and the people around them. Depending upon a parent's availability and caregiving history, the noncustodial parent of an infant should have short but frequent parenting time. This allows the infant to build a relationship without overwhelming the infant with too much change in routine and environment. For parents who live far apart, the noncustodial parent of an infant should plan to travel to the residential area of the custodial parent or to a nearby location where the infant feels comfortable. It is important that an infant have consistent nighttime caregiving.

### **Parents may do the following to help their infant:**

- Establish a consistent, predictable and routine parenting time schedule.
- Interact with the child at a location where the child feels secure and comfortable.
- Gradually increase the duration of parenting time.
- Send along personal items such as blankets, stuffed animals and photos of the other parent.

## **PLAN A**

This Plan is best suited where one parent has not been the child's primary caregiver and/or is unable to provide extensive care-giving due to an inflexible work schedule or other circumstances.

1. The noncustodial parent shall have three (3) visits of two (2) hours spaced throughout the week. If the parents cannot agree, then the parenting time shall take place each Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m. to 2:00 pm.
2. After nine (9) months of consistent parenting time, the non-custodial parent shall be entitled to additional parenting time consisting of one overnight per week as agreed between the parties. If unable to agree on the day/time, then the parenting time shall take place from Saturday 12 p.m. until the immediate following Sunday 12:00 p.m.
3. Holiday parenting time shall take place on the day of the actual holiday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. unless specified otherwise. Holiday parenting time supersedes regular parenting time.

Father will have these specified holidays in all odd-numbered years, and Mother will have these holidays in all even-numbered years:

- **Memorial Day**
- **Labor Day**
- Christmas Eve
- Easter Sunday

Father will have the following holidays in all even-numbered years and Mother will have these holidays in all odd-numbered years:

- **Fourth of July**
- **Halloween**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Christmas Day**

## Mother's Day and Father's Day

The child will be with the Mother for Mother's Day and with the Father for Father's Day from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### Transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule

Upon the minor child(ren) reaching the age of eighteen (18) months, absent a court order to the contrary, Plan A shall transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule on the first Friday following the child(ren) reaching 18 months. Orders containing different terms may be entered by consent of the parties or by filing a motion with the Court.

### PLAN B

This plan is best suited for parents who have been involved in the day-to-day care of the child and who want greater contact than is involved in Plan A. This plan may be used when schedules or conflict make more frequent exchanges difficult.

1. The noncustodial parent shall have two (2) six (6) hour visits spaced throughout the week. If the parents cannot agree, then the parenting time shall take place each Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.
2. After nine (9) months of consistent parenting time, the non-custodial parent shall be entitled to additional parenting time of one evening per week as agreed between the parties. If unable to agree on the day/time, then the parenting time shall take place on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In addition, the non-custodial parent shall have one overnight per week as agreed between the parties. If unable to agree on the day/time, then the overnight parenting time shall take place from Saturday 10:00 a.m. until the immediate following Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
3. Holiday parenting time shall take place on the day of the actual holiday from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. unless specified otherwise. Holiday parenting time supersedes regular parenting time.

Father will have these specified holidays in all odd-numbered years, and Mother will have these holidays in all even-numbered years:

- **Memorial Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **Christmas Eve**
- **Easter Sunday**

Father will have the following holidays in all even-numbered years and Mother will have these holidays in all odd-numbered years:

- **Fourth of July**
- **Halloween**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Christmas Day**

## Mother's Day and Father's Day

The child will be with the Mother for Mother's Day and with the Father for Father's Day 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court  
of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule**

Upon the minor child(ren) reaching the age of eighteen (18) months, absent a court order to the contrary, Plan B shall transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule on the first Friday following the child(ren) reaching 18 months. Orders containing different terms may be entered by consent of the parties or by filing a motion with the Court.

**PLAN C**

This plan is best suited for parents who have been involved to a significant extent in the day-to-day care of the child and desire frequent contact.

1. The noncustodial parent shall have three (3) visits of four (4) hours and one overnight spaced throughout the week. If the parents cannot agree, then the parenting time shall take place each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until Sunday 6:00 p.m.
2. Holiday parenting time shall take place on the day of the actual holiday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. the following day. Holiday parenting time supersedes regular parenting time.

Father will have these specified holidays in all odd-numbered years, and Mother will have these holidays in all even-numbered years:

- **Memorial Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **Christmas Eve**
- **Easter Sunday**

Father will have the following holidays in all even-numbered years and Mother will have these holidays in all odd-numbered years:

- **Fourth of July**
- **Halloween**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Christmas Day**

**Mother's Day and Father's Day**

The child will be with the Mother for Mother's Day and with the Father for Father's Day 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court  
of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule**

Absent an order to the contrary, the Infant Parenting Time Schedule shall transition to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan Family Division General Parenting Time Schedule on first Friday following the child's first birthday. Orders containing different terms may be entered by consent of the parties or by filing a motion with the Court.