

COMMON QUESTIONS IN A CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATION



YOUR FAMILIAL HISTORY:

1. Where did you grow up?
2. Who were your primary caregivers?
3. What kind of conflict did you experience in your family?
4. Do you have siblings?
5. What kind of relationship do you have as an adult with members of your family?

YOUR CHILD:

1. When did you learn you were going to be a parent?
2. How did you respond? How did the other parent respond?
3. How was the pregnancy/delivery of your child?
4. Does your child have any developmental, educational or medical concerns?
5. What are your child's strengths and weaknesses?
6. What is your child's routine? What kind of activities is he/she involved in?
7. How does your child handle transitions?



YOUR PARENTING SKILLS:

1. How do you handle discipline?
2. How do you support your child's educational needs?
3. How do you support your child's physical and emotional needs?
4. What role do you play in making decisions for your child (e.g., activities, school, care)?
5. What are your plans for parenting your child in the future?



YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILD:

1. What routines do you participate in with your child on a daily/weekly basis?
2. What concerns or challenges do you have in relating with your child?
3. What have you discussed with your child regarding the separation/custody arrangement?
4. What is your proposed parenting time schedule with your child?
5. What kind of support system does your family provide for your child? What is your child's relationship with your parents/siblings/cousins?



THE OTHER PARENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILD:

1. What are the other parent's strengths or weaknesses?
2. What concerns do you have about the other parent's ability to care for your child?
3. What concerns do you have about what the other parent wants regarding time and custody?
4. What actions do you take to help support your child's relationship with the other parent? Why or why not?



CO-PARENTING RELATIONSHIP

1. What kind of relationship do you have with the other parent?
2. How do you communicate about significant issues concerning your child?
3. What would need to change to make your co-parenting relationship better?

