IN THE DISTRICT OURT OF CANADIAN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

	Petitioner,)	
and)	
	Respondent.)	

CANADIAN COUNTY INFANT PARENTING SCHEDULE

The Canadian County Infant Visitation Schedule is based on research supporting the importance of infants establishing a healthy bond with both parents. The key factors in creating an appropriate infant visitation schedule involves determining the ability and willingness of each parent (present and historical with this child) to learn basic care skills such as feeding, changing and bathing a young child, diagnosing and treating common infant illnesses, and demonstrating the ability to maintain an infant's basic sleep, feeding and waking cycle. It is not the sex of the parent that is controlling, but rather a parent's desire and ability to be responsibly involved in the care and development of his/her child. The following schedule is designed to promote the best interest of an infant and is broken down into infant age groups to meet the basic needs of an infant, while also promoting a healthy relationship with both parents. Unless the parents agree otherwise, the parenting schedule shall be as follows:

NEWBORN TO THREE (3) MONTHS

Infants learn to love and trust familiar caregivers during this stage. Therefore, infants should have frequent contact with both parents and should have a predictable schedule and routine. The parent the child is currently **not** residing with is "Parent 2". Parent 2 is the Petitioner/Respondent (circle one). Parent 2 should be allowed to participate in daily routines to the extent possible such as bathing, burping, changing diapers, etc.

All parenting time with Parent 2 during this stage shall include the parent the child is currently residing with who is "Parent 1". Parent 1 is the Petitioner/Respondent (circle one). Parent 1 is present during the parenting time. Parent 2 shall be responsible for packing his/her own diaper bag and shall have the basic essentials for the baby including diapers, wipes, burp bags, pacifiers, etc. No significant others shall be present during the parenting time. Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every Monday AND Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This parenting time shall occur at Parent 1's home.
- 2. Every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This parenting time shall occur at Parent 2's home.
- 3. Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon OR Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This parenting time shall occur at Parent 2's home. The intent of this weekend parenting time is to allow Parent 2 a four-hour visit during the weekend. If the parents are unable to agree on the weekend day, the parents shall alternate Saturday and Sunday.

THREE (3) MONTHS TO SIX (6) MONTHS

The above schedule continues to be followed. However, Parent 1 will not be present during all of the parenting times as set forth below. If the baby is still breastfeeding, the breastfeeding-parent shall be available to breastfeed the child during Parent 2's parenting time (but is not present) or shall provide breast milk for this time period.

Parent 2 shall provide his/her own car seat, and have his/her own diaper bag with the necessary essentials for the baby. Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every Monday AND Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This parenting time shall continue to occur at Parent 1's home with Parent 1 being present.
- 2. Every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parent 1 shall not be present during this parenting time. Parent 2 shall pick the child up from Parent 1 or daycare and shall return the child to Parent 1's home.
- 3. Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. OR Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parent 1 shall not be present during this parenting time. Parent 2 shall pick up and return the child to Parent 1's home.

SIX (6) MONTHS TO NINE (9) MONTHS

At six months, infants begin to recognize their parents and other caregivers and trust regular caregivers to recognize their signals for food, comfort and sleep. Visits several times a week with Parent 2 is recommended at this age. Communication between parents about the baby is essential for good infant adjustment. A daily communication log should be maintained and exchanged between the parents noting eating, sleeping, diapering, medicine schedules and any new developments.

All of Parent 2's parenting time shall be without Parent 1 being present. Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every Monday AND Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time, and should feed and follow the child's regular bedtime routine, such as bathing and preparing the child for bedtime, prior to returning the child to Parent 1.
- 2. Every Saturday OR Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If the parents are unable to agree on the weekend day, the parents shall alternate Saturday and Sunday each week. For the weekend parenting time, the receiving parent shall pick up the child.

NINE (9) MONTHS TO TWELVE (12) MONTHS

Babies can respond to multiple nurturing caregivers if there is sensitivity to their cues and needs, and regularity in their waking, eating and sleeping schedules. Both parents need to have the opportunity to participate in daily routines such as feeding, bathing, napping and playing. Separations of more than three or four days from either parent will interfere with a healthy attachment to that parent. Similar routines in each home should be established and communicated between the parents. Overnight parenting time shall begin at this time. Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every Monday AND Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time, and should feed and follow the child's regular bedtime routine, such as bathing and preparing the child for bedtime, prior to returning the child to Parent 1.
- 2. Alternate weekends with one weekend being Friday after work until Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., and the following weekend from Saturday at 10:00 a.m. until Sunday at 8:00 a.m. For the weekend parenting time, the receiving parent shall pick up the child.

TWELVE (12) MONTH TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS

Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every other weekend from Friday after work until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The receiving parent shall pick up the child.
- 2. Every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time, and should feed and follow the child's regular bedtime routine, such as bathing and preparing the child for bedtime, prior to returning the child to Parent 1.
- 3. On alternating week, after work on Monday until Tuesday morning when Parent 2 returns the child to Parent 1 or daycare. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time.

EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS TO TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS

Parent 2 shall have the following parenting time:

- 1. Every other weekend from Friday after work until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The receiving parent shall pick up the child.
- 2. Every Wednesday after work until Thursday morning when Parent 2 returns the child to Parent 1 or daycare. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time.
- 3. On alternating week, after work on Monday until Tuesday morning when Parent 2 returns the child to Parent 1 or daycare. Parent 2 shall provide all the transportation of the child for this parenting time.

IT IS SO ORDERED this day o	of, 202
PETITIONER	JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
RESPONDENT	
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