

## CHECKLIST: Who Gets Custody?

When parents cannot agree on a custody arrangement, the court is left with a tough decision. Cases involving unmarried parents are similar to cases involving divorcing parents if the parentage of both parties has been established and both parents have been involved in raising the child(ren). In many cases, a consideration of the various factors results in an award of custody to the parent who has been the child's *primary* caretaker. The following checklist can help you and your attorney establish who has been the primary caretaker in your family.

Who was *usually* or *most often* responsible for performing the following childcare responsibilities?

<i>Task</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Co-parent</i>	<i>Shared Equally</i>
Feeding infant	_____	_____	_____
Feeding younger children	_____	_____	_____
Changing diapers	_____	_____	_____
Holding/cuddling	_____	_____	_____
Preparing meals	_____	_____	_____
Packing lunches	_____	_____	_____
Grocery shopping	_____	_____	_____
Changing diapers	_____	_____	_____
Dressing	_____	_____	_____
Doing laundry	_____	_____	_____
Buying clothing	_____	_____	_____
Maintaining clothing	_____	_____	_____
Bathing	_____	_____	_____
Washing hair	_____	_____	_____
Styling hair	_____	_____	_____
Brushing teeth (help with or enforce)	_____	_____	_____
Putting to bed	_____	_____	_____
Reading stories, books	_____	_____	_____
Helping with homework	_____	_____	_____
Taking to/picking up from school	_____	_____	_____
Taking to/picking up from extracurricular activities	_____	_____	_____
Conferencing with teachers	_____	_____	_____
Attending school open houses	_____	_____	_____



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