

DIVORCE MEDIATION CHECKLIST

The following issues are often discussed in divorce mediation.

Please bring any relevant information with you to the mediation to help with decisions (i.e., information regarding bills, debts, value of assets, retirement plans, insurance, etc.).

Spousal Support and Expenses:

- Spousal Support: amount; method; time
- Health insurance
- Life insurance
- Pension plans
- Educational expenses
- Housing expenses
- Legal expenses

Child Support and Expenses:

- Child support: amount; method; time
- Health insurance
- Medical expenses
- Childcare expenses
- Tax deductions
- Life insurance beneficiaries
- School/college expenses
- Expenses for extras: activities, birthday parties, sports etc.

Equitable Distribution of Property:

- Determine value of assets and liabilities
- House/property
- Property expenses (mortgage, utilities, taxes)
- Household furnishings
- Motor vehicles (payments, insurance, expenses)
- Savings/checking accounts
- Investments/stocks
- Credit card and other consumer debt
- Personal debt
- Insurance (cash value)
- Tax refunds or payments due
- Inheritance
- Bankruptcy
- Business

Parenting Arrangements:

- 1. Legal Custody:
Who makes major decisions about the children regarding education, religion, and health issues
- 2. Physical Custody:
The times the children will spend with each parent
- 3. Communication:
Telephone, email, video
 - Between parents
 - Between children

Other:

- Moving
- Communication
- Legal expenses
- Resolving future disputes