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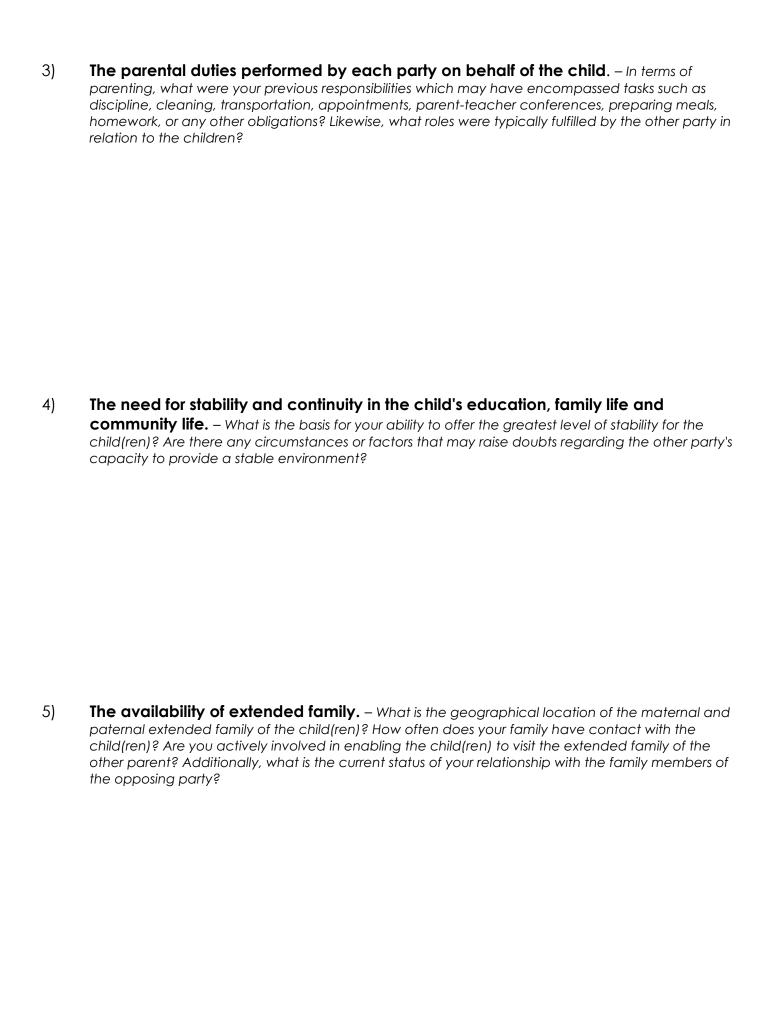
## Pennsylvania Custody Factor Worksheet

When determining a custody case, 16 (sixteen) factors that follow will be considered.

Prior to your court appearance, it's important to reflect on these factors. Please note that not all of them may be applicable to your situation, and some may not be favorable to your case. Take some time to consider how each factor may be relevant to your specific case.

1) Which party is more likely to encourage and permit frequent and continuing **contact**. – How have you promoted the child(ren)'s spending more time with the other party? Conversely, what actions has the other party taken to hinder your ability to spend time with the child(ren)?

2) The present and past abuse committed by a party or member of the party's household. - Has the other party made or do you anticipate them making any accusations of abuse against you? Additionally, has the other party inflicted any form of abuse upon you or the child(ren)?



6)	The child's sibling relationships. – Do you reside with any of the child(ren)'s half-siblings, step-siblings, or siblings? Alternatively, do they reside with the other parent? How would you describe the dynamic or relationship between the children?
7)	The well-reasoned preference of the child(ren). – Has the child(ren) expressed a preference? If so, what is it and why do you think they have that preference? In your opinion, do you believe that the preference is rational? Could you explain the reasoning behind your answer?
8)	The attempts of a parent to turn the child against the other parent. – Have you noticed any efforts by the other party to alienate the child(ren) from you? If so, what specific actions have they taken and how did you become aware of them? Additionally, do you have any concerns about the possibility of the other party making such allegations against you?

9)	Which party is more likely to maintain a loving, stable, consistent and nurturing relationship with the child adequate for the child's emotional needs? – What makes you feel that you are in a more advantageous position in this situation? Are there any particular issues or worries that you have regarding the other party?
10)	Which party is more likely to attend to the daily physical, emotional, developmental, educational and special needs of the child? - What reasons lead you to believe that you are better positioned in this scenario? Are there any specific apprehensions you have about the opposing party? Do they have any physical, emotional, or mental disabilities that could impact their ability to fulfill their responsibilities?
11)	The proximity of the residences of the parties. – What is the distance between your residence and the other party's residence? How much time is required to commute between the two locations?

12)	Each party's availability to care for the child or ability to make appropriate child-care arrangements. – What is your plan for child care when you are not available currently or in the future? Will you consider asking the other party to assist in caring for the child(ren) when needed? Can you explain your reasoning for either considering or not considering this option? Additionally, do you have any reservations about the other party's capability to offer adequate child care?
13)	The level of conflict between the parties and the willingness and ability of the parties to cooperate with one another. – How would you describe the nature of your relationship with the other party? What factors contribute to any existing tension? Have you taken any steps to enhance the relationship? Conversely, what actions have the opposing party taken to worsen the relationship?
14)	The history of drug or alcohol abuse of a party or member of a party's household. – Has either party or anyone residing in their household had difficulties with substance abuse? If this is the case, which particular drugs were involved? Do you anticipate the possibility of the other party making accusations about you having such issues?

15)	The mental and physical condition of a party or member of a party's household. – Are there any individuals in your household or in the opposing party's household who have mental or physical disabilities? How do these conditions affect the child(ren)?
16)	Any other relevant factors: