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## Pennsylvania Custody Factor Worksheet

When determining a custody case, the following factors 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 between the child and another party?**
  - **Explanation:** Evaluate your willingness and actions in fostering a positive relationship between your child and the other parent. This includes encouraging visitation, facilitating communication through phone calls or video chats, and being flexible with scheduling to accommodate the other parent.
  - **Response:**
  
2. **The present and past abuse committed by a party or member of the party's household, whether there is a continued risk of harm to the child or an abused party, and which party can better provide adequate physical safeguards and supervision of the child.**
  - **Explanation:** Address any history of abuse, including physical, emotional, or psychological abuse. Discuss the steps you have taken to ensure the safety of your child, such as seeking protective orders, moving to a safer environment, or obtaining counseling. Explain how you can provide a secure and nurturing environment to prevent any future harm.
  - **Response:**
  
3. **The parental duties performed by each party on behalf of the child.**
  - **Explanation:** Describe your involvement in your child's daily life, including activities like preparing meals, helping with homework, attending school meetings, and taking the child to medical appointments. Illustrate your active participation in your child's upbringing and the roles you play in their day-to-day activities.
  - **Response:**

4. **The need for stability and continuity in the child's education, family life, and community life.**
  - **Explanation:** Discuss how your living situation provides a stable environment for your child. This includes maintaining consistent routines, living in a stable home, and ensuring continuity in schooling and community involvement. Highlight any long-term plans you have to further enhance this stability.
  - **Response:**
  
5. **The availability of extended family.**
  - **Explanation:** Mention the involvement and proximity of extended family members, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, who play a supportive role in your child's life. Describe how these relationships contribute positively to your child's well-being and sense of family.
  - **Response:**
  
6. **The child's sibling relationships.**
  - **Explanation:** Explain the importance of maintaining relationships with siblings and how you support these connections. Detail any shared activities, living arrangements, or efforts to facilitate sibling bonding.
  - **Response:**
  
7. **The well-reasoned preference of the child, based on the child's maturity and judgment.**
  - **Explanation:** If applicable, describe your child's preferences regarding custody and visitation. Discuss how you take these preferences into consideration and respect their wishes, provided they are reasonable and, in the child's best interests.
  - **Response:**
  
8. **The attempts of a parent to turn the child against the other parent, except in cases of domestic violence where reasonable safety measures are necessary.**
  - **Explanation:** Reflect on any instances where you or the other parent may have influenced the child's perception of the other parent. Discuss your commitment to promoting a positive relationship between the child and the other parent, even if there are personal conflicts.
  - **Response:**

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?**
- **Explanation:** Provide examples of your emotional support and nurturing behavior towards your child. This could include spending quality time together, being available for emotional support, and creating a loving home environment.
  - **Response:**
10. **Which party is more likely to attend to the daily physical, emotional, developmental, educational, and special needs of the child?**
- **Explanation:** Detail your involvement in meeting all aspects of your child's needs. This includes physical care, emotional support, developmental activities, educational involvement, and addressing any special needs your child may have.
  - **Response:**
11. **The proximity of the residences of the parties.**
- **Explanation:** Describe the distance between your home and the other parent's home and how it impacts custody arrangements. Explain how the proximity allows for easier transitions between homes and supports the child's ability to maintain consistent routines.
  - **Response:**
12. **Each party's availability to care for the child or ability to make appropriate child-care arrangements.**
- **Explanation:** Discuss your work schedule, flexibility, and child-care plans. Mention how you balance work and parenting responsibilities and any reliable child-care arrangements you have in place.
  - **Response:**
13. **The level of conflict between the parties and the willingness and ability of the parties to cooperate with one another.**
- **Explanation:** Evaluate your relationship with the other parent and your efforts to cooperate in the child's best interests. Discuss any communication strategies you use to manage conflict and ensure effective co-parenting.
  - **Response:**

**14. The history of drug or alcohol abuse of a party or member of a party's household.**

- **Explanation:** Address any substance abuse history and the steps taken to address these issues. This may include treatment programs, lifestyle changes, and ongoing support to maintain sobriety.
- **Response:**

**15. The mental and physical condition of a party or member of a party's household.**

- **Explanation:** Mention any health issues and how they affect your ability to care for the child. Discuss any treatments or accommodations in place to manage these conditions.
- **Response:**

**16. Supervised Custody Considerations (Kayden's Law)**

- **Explanation:** Discuss any history of abuse or violent behavior and whether supervised custody has been considered or implemented. Provide details on how supervised visits are managed, the ongoing risks, and how they are mitigated to protect the child.
- **Response:**

**17. Protection from Abuse Orders (PFAs)**

- **Explanation:** Detail any PFAs in place due to findings of abuse and their impact on custody arrangements. Include evidence presented at hearings, the court's findings, and any measures taken to comply with or contest these orders.
- **Response:**

**18. Criminal Convictions and Their Impact**

- **Explanation:** Outline any criminal convictions and how they are considered in the context of the child's best interests. Discuss the totality of circumstances, rehabilitative steps taken, and any current legal standings.
- **Response:**

**19. Any other relevant factor.**

- **Explanation:** Include any additional information that you believe is pertinent to your custody case. This could involve unique circumstances, special considerations, or other factors that have not been covered by the previous questions.
- **Response:**