

Care of children: Information about the Parenting Plan Workbook



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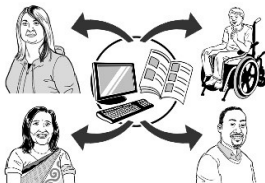


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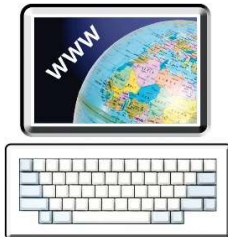
What this Easy Read is about



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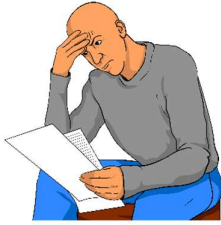


This Easy Read document has information about the Parenting Plan Workbook.



You can find more Easy Read information about the care of children and the Family Court on this **website**:

www.justice.govt.nz/care-of-children/resources



While this document has been written in Easy Read there is still a lot of complex information.



It is a good idea to get further advice.



If you or someone you know does not feel safe right now you can:

- phone the police on **111**
- contact **Are You OK** on:

phone: 0800 456 450

website: www.areyouok.org.nz



family violence

it's not ok

Are You OK is an information service that can help you if you:

- are being hurt by someone
- see someone being hurt
- want to stop hurting someone.

You can also find more information on the Ministry of Justice **website:**



**[www.justice.govt.nz/
family-violence](http://www.justice.govt.nz/family-violence)**



There are lots of phone numbers in this Easy Read document.



If you find it hard to use the phone the **New Zealand Relay** service is for people who are:

- Deaf / hard of hearing
- deafblind
- speech impaired / find it hard to talk.



You can find out more about the New Zealand Relay service at:

www.nzrelay.co.nz

What is the Parenting Plan Workbook?



The Parenting Plan Workbook is a free resource.



It can help people who are part of the day to day care of the child / children to make **a private parenting agreement.**



A private parenting agreement is another way of saying a parenting arrangement or parenting plan.



A **private parenting agreement** is when parents / guardians / whānau need to agree about:

- who their child / children will live with
- how this time will be shared between the parents / guardians / whānau
- how important decisions about their child / children will be made.

You do not need to go to court to create a private parenting agreement.

Using the Parenting Plan Workbook



The Parenting Plan Workbook gives ideas about what might be useful to think about when creating a private parenting agreement.

It can be hard to work out how everyone can keep being a part of the life of a child / children.



It can help if everyone comes to an agreement about things like who:

- will be with the child / children on birthdays or other special days
- will look after the child / children during school holidays
- is the doctor for the child / children.

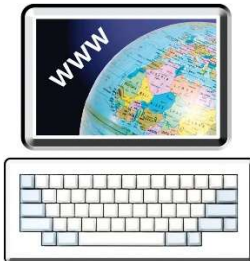




The Parenting Plan Workbook has pages where you can write out the best plan for the child / children.



The idea is for everyone to come together to fill in the workbook.



You can find this workbook on the Ministry of Justice **website**:

www.justice.govt.nz/parenting-plan-workbook



To have a copy of the workbook posted to you **phone** the Ministry of Justice on:

0800 224 733

More places where you can get support



1. Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Bureau is also sometimes called **CAB**.



CAB can assist you to:

- understand your rights
- fill out forms.



To find out more information about CAB you can:

- go to this website:

www.cab.org.nz

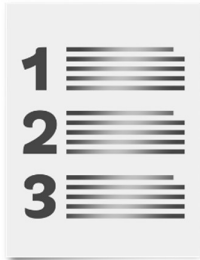


- call this phone number:

0800 367 222

2. Family Services Directory

The Family Services Directory:



- has a list of support services that can assist whānau / family across Aotearoa New Zealand

- is an information service about all kinds of services such as:



- counselling
- housing / somewhere to live
- help with the cost of living such as food



- disability support
- transport.





To find out more information about Family Services Directory you can:

- visit their website:

www.familyservices.govt.nz



- call this phone number:

0800 211 211



3. CCS Disability Action

CCS Disability Action provides information and support to:



- disabled people
- their whānau / family.

To find out more information about CCS Disability Action you can:



- visit this website:

www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

- email:

info@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz



- phone:

0800 227 200

Where to find more information



The Ministry of Justice has more information about parenting arrangements on their website:

www.justice.govt.nz/care-of-children



You can also talk to someone at the Ministry of Justice by calling:

0800 224 733



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