

Current Law on Custody & Parenting Time



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Parents are seen as equals.

There are **no presumptions** about what physical custody should be or what amount of parenting time a parent should get. (Minn. Stat. 518.17(b)(7))

The Court considers 12 Best Interest of Children (BloC) factors as established by the state legislature in 2015:

Child's needs & effect of Parenting Time arrangements on child.

Any special needs of the child (health, medical, educational).

History of caretaking.

Benefit of maximizing time with each parent and determinant of limiting time.

Physical, mental, chemical dependency issues of parent that impact the child.

Child's preference (if appropriate).

Willingness and ability to care for child.

Effect on child of changes in home/school/community.

Relationships of extended family, including siblings.

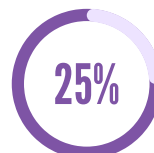
Whether domestic abuse occurred & implications for child.

Parent's ability to support child's relationship with other parent.

Ability of parents to co-parent.

Decide physical custody; how time is structured between parents; parenting time schedule

Endangerment of child: restrict parenting time (e.g. supervised). (Minn. Stat. 518.175 subd 1(b))



At a **minimum**, parents should receive 25% parenting time as established in 2006. (Minn. Stat. 518.175 subd 1(g))