

FCW PPW Script

Hi, I'm Judge Elizabeth Stephenson of the Morguson Superior Court.

All the family judges in Morguson County make a priority of helping parents build the highest level of cooperation they can for the sake of their children.

This cooperation is essential in the lives of ALL children, but ESPECIALLY in cases like divorce, paternity, or delinquency.

On this link, you will find a Parenting Plan Worksheet. This is a form calling for a great deal of thought by parents on how they will be working together for the sake of their children.

Parents, if you are separated or divorced or never married to each other, you will hear us refer to you as "co-parents," not as "parties" or "litigants" in a lawsuit. The term "co-parents" signals the common goal you have of giving your children a good and safe childhood.

The Parenting Plan Worksheet is a sort of checklist of tasks you should consider as you think about the challenges of raising children between separate homes. Give this PPW your closest attention.

If there is safety and basic cooperation between you and your co-parent, fill it out together. Otherwise, fill it out alone.

I thank you for everything you do to give your children the best start possible to their lives.