

**FACTORS TO CONSIDER
WHEN DETERMINING CHILD CUSTODY
PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §36-6-106, §36-6-404, & case law**

| FACTORS TO CONSIDER | HUSBAND | WIFE | ADDITIONAL NOTES |
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| Parent's ability to instruct, inspire and encourage the Child(ren) to prepare for a life of service and compete in society | | | |
| Strength, nature and stability of Child(ren)'s relationship with each parent, including who has taken greater responsibility for performing daily needs | | | |
| Past & Potential for Future Performances of Parenting Responsibility/Willingness/Ability to facilitate & encourage a close relationship w/other parent | | | |
| Refusal to attend Parent Education Seminar can be evidence of lack of good faith | | | |
| Disposition to Provide Child(ren) w/Necessities (i.e. food, clothes, medical care, education, etc.) | | | |
| Who was Primary Provider? | | | |
| Love, affection and emotional ties between parent and Child(ren) | | | |
| Emotional needs and developmental level of the Child(ren) | | | |
| Child(ren)'s interaction and interrelationships with Siblings, relatives and step-relatives and mentors, and child(ren)'s involvement with physical surroundings, school or other significant activities | | | |

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| Continuity of Child(ren)'s Life, length of time child has lived in stable environment | | | |
| Home School & Community Record of Child(ren) | | | |
| Character & Behavior of Individual(s) who resides in or frequents the home of the parent and their interaction w/child(ren). | | | |
| Preference of Child(ren) (12+ years old) | | | |
| Each Parent's Employment Schedule | | | |
| Evidence of physical or emotional abuse to the Child(ren), to the other parent, or to any other person | | | |
| Any other Factors the court deems relevant | | | |
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| BEST INTEREST OF CHILD(REN) | | | |