Other Resources

Arizona Supreme Court
Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart (booklet)
Court Services Division, Court Programs Unit
1501 W. Washington, Ste. 410 | Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 452-3360
www.azcourts.gov

Arizona Youth Partnership
Building Futures for Families (relationship education)
3 locations in Pima County
Administrative Office: (520) 744-2127
www.azyp.org

Pima County Parenting Coalition (parenting classes)
Child and Family Resources
P.O. Box 87362 | Tucson, AZ 85754
(520) 392-8150
www.pimacountyparentingcoalition.org/

The Parent Connection (parenting classes)
5326 E. Pima St. | Tucson, AZ 85712
(520) 321-1500
www.the parentconnectionaz.org

DES Division of Child Support Services
www.azdes.gov/dcss/ParentingTime

"Any man can be a father ...
it takes a special person to be a dad."
— Proverb

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Parenting Time

Spending time together when you live apart

Pima County

What is Parenting Time?

Parenting time is the time you spend with your child, being a parent. This could include time spent together during outings to places around town, or time spent with you in your home. Parenting time can be for a few hours, or for days at a time.

What About Legal Decision-Making?

Legal decision-making, which used to be called legal custody, is the right to make significant, nonemergency decisions for the child, including decisions about **education, health care, religious training** and **personal care**. It does not include the routine decisions you will need to make while the child is with you, such as what the child will eat for dinner, which bedtime story to read, which movie or television show the child will watch, or what the child will wear to school.

"The smallest moments can have the biggest impact on a child's life."
— Author unknown

In Arizona, parents can have sole or joint legal decision-making authority. **Joint** legal decision-making means that both parents work together to make major decisions for their child. **Sole** legal decision-making authority means that one parent makes the major decisions for the child. Legal decision-making authority is addressed at the same time that a parenting time plan is put in place.

What is a Parenting Time Plan?

A **Parenting Time Plan** is a schedule that tells each parent when they will have their child with them for parenting time. There are all kinds of parenting plans, and yours can be customized for your unique situation.

Do I need a Parenting Time Plan?

Having a parenting time plan allows both parents and children to know when they will be spending time together as a family. You can plan your schedule knowing what days and times you will have your child with you. Children also benefit from knowing when they get to spend time with mom or dad.

How do I get a Parenting Time Plan?

There are forms available on the 2nd floor of the Pima County Superior Court, in the Law Library. You can also find the forms needed online at:

http://www.sc.pima.gov/

Click the link that says **"Self Service Forms"**

The Volunteer Lawyers Program offers a free Self-Service Center Clinic to assist you with filling out the forms needed to establish parenting time and legal decision-making. Assistance is available on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the Self-Service Clinic, please call the Pima County Superior Court Law Library at **(520) 724-8456.**

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."
— Barbara Johnson