

Checklist of Relevant Custody Factors

The following partial list of factors may be relevant in deciding what's in a child's best interest:

- Age
- Developmental stage/maturity
- Emotional makeup
- Medical needs
- Educational needs
- Other special needs
- Parent's proximity to schools
- Child's extracurricular activities, sports, lessons
- Stability and continuity in environment
- Relationship with both parents
- Relationship with siblings and step-siblings
- Relationship between parents
- Extended family support
- Logistics for transfers between households
- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Safety concerns