

**ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
MEDIATION AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES**

**ALTERNATE WEEKENDS AND MIDWEEK
FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

(AGE EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND OLDER)

Developmental needs that must be addressed are toilet training, preschool, day care, gender identification, and the learning of limits and rules. Research indicates that it is not uncommon for parental separation to result in bed-wetting, crying for unknown reasons and other upsets in behavior. Discord may slow the child's adjustment to the parental separation. A child in this age group may seem to react more strongly to parental separation as compared to the younger of the preschool/elementary age child. As such, parents need to support each other's roles as parents. They need to reassure their child that he was not the cause of the parental separation and/or dissolution.

COURT ORDERED HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, SUMMER AND SPECIAL DAYS WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE REGULAR SCHEDULE. THE REGULAR SCHEDULE WILL RESUME FOR THE OTHER PARENT ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED TIME.

1. **At the discretion of the receiving parent** ALTERNATE WEEKENDS as marked:

() Commencing (date) _____ from after work of the (mother/father) _____ or immediately following school dismissal at (time) _____ to Monday morning providing the child(ren) can be returned to day care/preschool or school at the appropriate time.

OR

() Commencing (date) _____ from after work of the (mother/father) _____ or immediately following school dismissal at (time) _____ to Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

OR

2. **At the discretion of the receiving parent** once each week on a Wednesday or Thursday as marked:

() Commencing (date) _____ the (mother/father) _____ will have the child(ren) from after work or immediately following school dismissal at (time) _____ to the following morning providing the child(ren) can be returned to daycare/preschool or school at the appropriate time.

OR

() Commencing (date) _____ fom after work of the (mother/father) _____ or immediately following school dismissal at (time) _____ to 8:00 p.m. the same day.