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## INDIANA CHILD CUSTODY & PARENTING TIME GUIDE

### Key Factors in Determining Custody in Indiana

When determining child custody, Indiana courts focus on the best interests of the child. Here are the key factors considered:



#### 1 Child's Relationship with Parents

The court considers the child's age, sex, emotional attachment to each parent, and history of involvement and caretaking.



#### 2 Child's Adjustment

Judges evaluate the child's adjustment to home, school, and community, aiming to maintain stability in their life.



#### 3 Parental Fitness

The physical and mental health of both parents and each parent's ability to provide a stable, nurturing environment are closely examined.



#### 4 Co-Parenting Abilities

The court assesses each parent's willingness and ability to communicate and cooperate for the well-being of the child, particularly in deciding legal custody.



#### 5 History of Abuse or Neglect

Any evidence of domestic violence, child abuse, criminal behavior, or substance abuse by either parent is heavily weighed by the court.



#### 6 Child's Wishes

The court may consider the child's wishes, especially if the child is 14 years of age or older. The court weighs these wishes in light of the child's age and reasoning ability.

### Questions About Child Custody in Indiana?

Understand your rights and options with the help of an experienced family law attorney.

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