

What To Know

CHILD CUSTODY

Factors Considered In Awarding Child Custody



The parents' ability to communicate and cooperate on things about the child.



The parents' willingness to accept custody



The interaction and relationship of the child with its parents and siblings.

The history of domestic violence, child neglect, abuse or abandonment.



The safety of child and either parent from physical abuse by the other.



The preference of the child when of sufficient age and capacity to reason.



The wishes of the parents.



The needs of the child.



The stability of the home environment offered.



The quality and continuity of the child's education.

The child's adjustment to home, school and community.



The fitness of the parents.



The moral and ethical character of the parents.



The geographical proximity of the parents' homes.



The extent and quality of the time spent with the child prior to the separation.



The parents' employment responsibilities.

The age and number of the children.



The general financial welfare of the parents

