

**FACTORS FOR DETERMINING BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD IN CONTESTED
CUSTODY CASES AS SET FORTH IN MCLA 722.23: MSA 25.312-3**

Factor A: The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing between the Parties involved and the child/ren.

Factor B: The capacity and disposition of the Parties involved to give the child/ren love, affection and guidance and continuation of the educating and raising of the child/ren in their religion or creed, if any.

Factor C: The capacity and disposition of the Parties involved to provide the child/ren with food, clothing medical care or other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of medical care and other material needs.

Factor D: The length of time the child/ren has lived in a stable, satisfactory environment and the desirability of maintaining continuity.

Factor E: The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home or homes.

Factor F: The moral fitness of the Parties involved.

Factor G: The mental and physical health of the Parties involved.

Factor H: The home, school and community record of the child/ren.

Factor I: The reasonable preference of the child/ren, if the Court deems the child/ren to be of a sufficient age to express a preference.

Factor J: The willingness and ability of each of the parents to facilitate and encourage a close and continuous parent/child relationship between the child/ren and the other parent.

Factor K: Domestic violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed against or witnessed by the child/ren.

Factor L: Any other factor considered by the Court to be relevant to a particular child custody dispute.