



# Summer Co-Parenting Checklist

A practical guide for separated and divorced parents in New York

Summer brings extended parenting time, vacations, camp, and schedule changes – all of which require advance planning and clear communication between co-parents.

Use this checklist to get ahead of common issues before the season begins.

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## REVIEW YOUR AGREEMENT

	Re-read the summer parenting schedule in your Stipulation of Settlement or Parenting Plan <b>*Note any specific trigger dates or notice requirements</b>
	Confirm summer schedule start and end dates with the other parent
	Check whether school-year schedule resumes automatically or requires notice
	Review holiday/special occasion provisions overlapping summer (4th of July, Labor Day, birthdays)
	Note any make-up time provisions from the past year

## HEALTH & MEDICAL

	Ensure both parents have current insurance card and pediatrician contact
	Schedule annual well-child visits, dental cleanings, and vision checks
	Update and share current medication list, dosages, and schedules
	Confirm which parent carries health insurance and any prior authorization requirements
	Discuss allergies, dietary needs, or medical conditions with camp or activity staff

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## VACATION PLANNING

	Provide required advance notice of vacation plans to the other parent <b>*Check your Settlement Agreement</b>
	Share full itinerary: dates, destination, round trip tickets, accommodations, and contact numbers
	Confirm passport is current if traveling internationally <b>*Check your Settlement Agreement</b>
	Obtain written consent if required for travel pursuant to your Settlement Agreement
	Discuss how the child will communicate with the other parent during travel

## COMMUNICATION & LOGISTICS

	Agree on a communication method for co-parenting matters <b>*OurFamilyWizard, TalkingParents, or email</b>
	Set expectations for response times to non-urgent messages
	Establish a consistent time for the child to call or video chat with the other parent
	Exchange backup contact numbers – relatives or close friends – for emergencies
	Agree on how to handle last-minute schedule change requests

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## CAMP & ACTIVITIES

	Discuss and agree on summer camp or program enrollment before registering <b><i>Check your agreement for decision-making authority on extracurriculars</i></b>
	Confirm how camp costs will be shared ( <i>typically falls under add-on expenses</i> )
	Ensure both parents are listed as emergency contacts at camp
	Share camp pickup/drop-off schedules with the other parent
	Coordinate sports leagues, lessons, or recurring activities that cross parenting time

## FINANCIAL & SUPPORT

	Review agreement for summer-specific provisions affecting child support <b><i>Extended parenting time may affect support obligations under NY law</i></b>
	Confirm cost-sharing for summer programs, camps, and activities
	Retain receipts and document all add-on expenses for reimbursement
	Discuss clothing, supplies, and equipment needs across both households
	Confirm payment method and timing for shared expenses

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## PETS

	Confirm where the family pet will reside during each parent's summer parenting time <b><i>Check your agreement – pet provisions are increasingly common in Westchester stipulations</i></b>
	Agree on a plan if the pet travels with the child between households
	Share the name and contact info of the veterinarian with both parents
	Confirm who covers veterinary expenses and how emergency costs are shared
	Discuss any pet care responsibilities the child has and how those continue across households

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRANSITION

	Confirm school start date and review school-year parenting schedule in advance <b><i>Avoid last-minute surprises by reviewing the schedule in August</i></b>
	Coordinate school supply shopping and clothing purchases across households
	Update school records: emergency contacts, authorized pickups, and both parent email/address
	Notify school of any custody or parenting schedule changes before the year begins
	Discuss extracurricular sign-ups for fall and agree before registration deadlines
	Confirm transportation arrangements: bus, carpool, or parent pickup/drop-off

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## IF ISSUES ARISE

	Document missed parenting time or schedule violations in writing immediately
	Review your agreement's dispute resolution clause (mediation, parenting coordinator)
	Attempt to resolve disputes by communicating directly in writing first
	Contact your family law attorney before the situation escalates

## CO-PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*Both parents may sign below to confirm they have reviewed this checklist together and agree to communicate in good faith throughout the summer.*

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*Parent 1 Name (Print)*

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*Parent 2 Name (Print)*

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*Signature*

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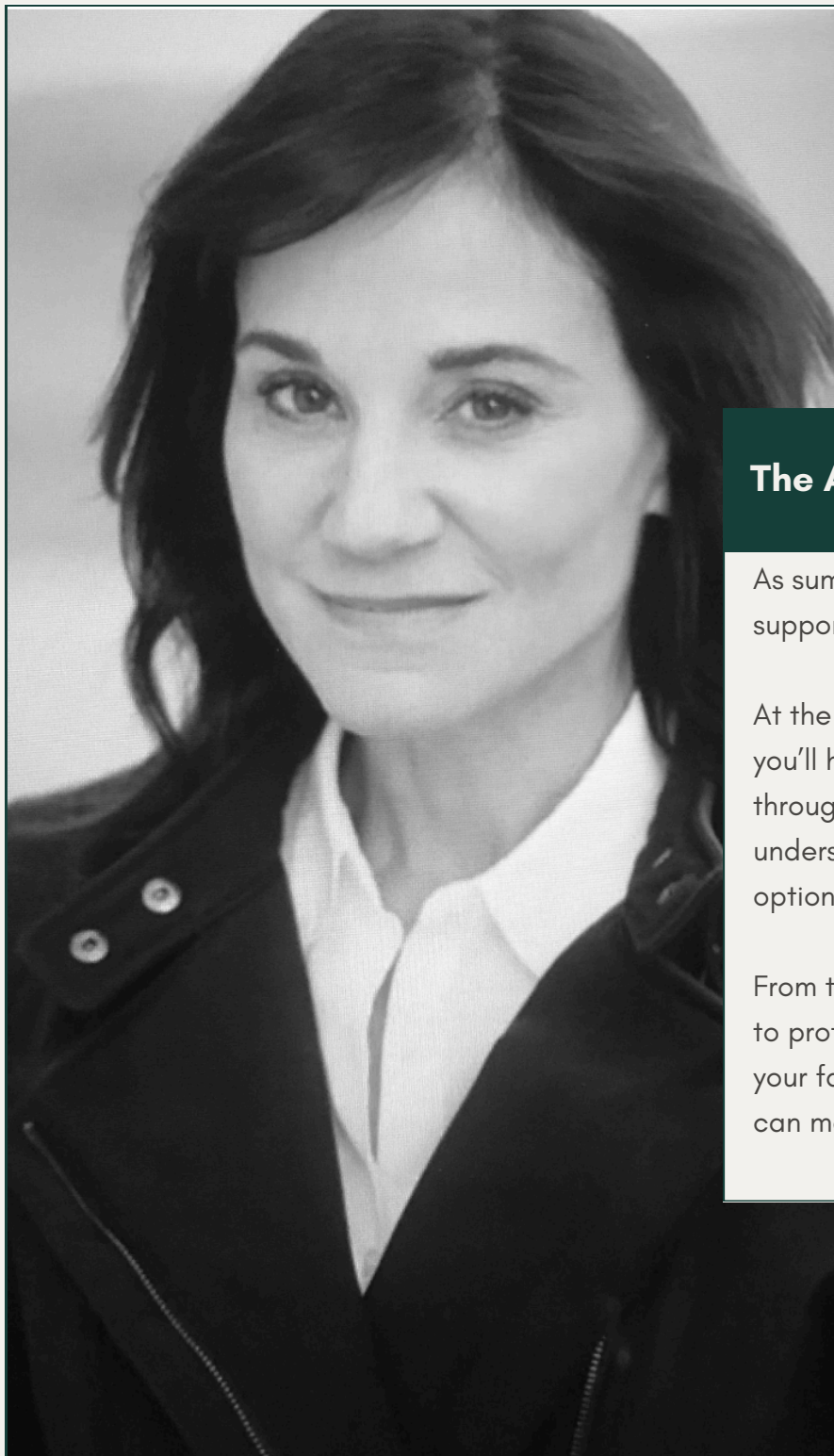
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*This checklist is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Every custody arrangement is different. If you have questions about your specific Stipulation of Settlement or Parenting Plan, consult a family*

*law attorney licensed in New York*

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