

Family Dispute Resolution CLIENT ASSESSMENT SHEET



Northern Territory
Legal Aid Commission

CONFIDENTIAL - FAMILY LAW CONFERENCING - CHILDREN AND PROPERTY

THIS ASSESSMENT SHEET MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE A CONFERENCE DATE WILL BE ALLOCATED

ABOUT YOU & THE PERSON YOU ARE GOING TO CONFERENCE WITH

Your Name: _____ DOB: _____ / _____ / _____
 Solicitor: _____ Contact Number: _____
 Other Person's Name: _____ DOB: _____ / _____ / _____
 Solicitor: _____ Contact Number: _____

1. Do you or the other person have any specific requirements (Eg. Interpreter, cultural support, support worker, physical disability etc) *If yes, please give details:*

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2. Are there any health problems that may affect the ability to discuss the issues?
 (Eg. drugs/alcohol, mental health issues, medical issues impacting on ability to care for the child/ren)
If yes, please give details

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Date of marriage/living together: _____
 Date of separation: _____

DETAILS ABOUT THE CHILD/REN

Name	Date of Birth	Who do they live with?

3. Do any of the child/ren have special needs or medical problems? Yes No
If yes, give details

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4. What are the current arrangements for the child/ren to spend time with the parents (or others)
Please give detail

5. Are there any current orders, parenting plans, and/or written agreements between you and the other party? **Yes** **No**
If yes, please provide copies with this assessment sheet

6a. Have you been to court about the child/ren? **Yes** **No**
If yes, which Court and what is the next court date?

6b. Has the Court given your child/ren a Lawyer? **Yes** **No**
If yes, what is their name?

6c. Has a report been prepared about the child/ren? **Yes** **No**
If yes, please attach a copy of the report

CHILD ABUSE / DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

CHILDREN'S MATTERS

Child Abuse

7. Do you think the child/ren are safe with the other party? **Yes** **No**
If no, tell us the areas of risk or harm

8. Have the child/ren ever been threatened by the other party? **Yes** **No**
If yes, give details

9a. If there was domestic or family violence during the relationship, were the child/ren exposed to it? **Yes** **No**
If yes, please give details

9b. If there was domestic or family violence during the relationship, were the child/ren physically harmed? Yes No
If yes, give details

10a. Has there been any past involvement of a child welfare authority or the Police? Yes No
If yes, give details (include outcomes if known)

10b. Is there any current involvement with a child welfare authority or the Police? Yes No
If yes, give details:

CHILDREN'S AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Domestic & Family Violence

11. Describe the level of conflict/family violence between the parties during the relationship High Medium Low None

12. Describe the level of conflict/family violence between the parties currently High Medium Low None

13. Have you been threatened by or fearful of your former partner? Yes No

14. Are you currently fearful of your former partner? Yes No

15a. Are you the Protected Person in a current Domestic Violence Order? Yes No
If yes, please provide a copy with this assessment sheet

15b. Are you the Defendant in a current Domestic Violence Order? Yes No
If yes, please provide a copy with this assessment sheet

16. Have you or someone on your behalf (eg Police) ever applied for a Domestic & Family Violence Protection Order against the other party? Yes No
If yes, please give details

17. Have there been any breaches of a Domestic & Family Violence Protection Order? Yes No

18a. Can you speak and listen freely with the other person in the same room? Yes No

18b. If you said no to 18a, would having solicitor/s present at the Conference make it okay for you to work in the same room for some parts of the Conference? Yes No

18c. If you said no to 18b, would you be able to speak freely if the other party was not in the same room but linked in by phone or video conference? Yes No

18d. If you said no to 18c, do you feel that you need a 'Shuttle Conference', that is you need to be in separate rooms to be able to speak freely? Yes No

GENERAL

19. Do you or the other party have any criminal convictions that may be relevant to this Conference? Yes No
If yes, please give details:

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CHILDREN'S MATTERS

20. What things do you want to talk about and negotiate at the conference?
(eg. parental responsibility, where the children will live, time the child/ren will spend with each parent)?

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21. Are there any other people who need to be consulted or involved in the matters to be discussed at the conference? Yes No
(Eg. relations, friends, supervisors or caregivers who may be central to the arrangements for the child/ren.) If yes, please give details

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22. Are there any outstanding financial issues? Yes No
If yes, to be eligible for a property conference you must provide a list of major assets and debts in dispute between the parties and their approximate values:

Item	Value	Money Owing

