

**DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

1777 6th Street, Boulder, CO 80302

In re the Marriage of:

**Petitioner:** RICHARD JOHN DORSEY

**Respondent:** LAUREN ALICIA DORSEY

**Case Number:** 2025DR000704 **Division:** 14

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**PARENTING PLAN (JDF 1113)**

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**I. CHILDREN COVERED BY THIS PLAN**

This Parenting Plan applies to the following minor children of the parties:

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Age
Lucia Dorsey	March 4, 2020	6
Rae Dorsey	March 9, 2022	4

**II. ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. Decision-Making**

The parties shall share **joint decision-making** responsibility for major decisions affecting the children, including education, non-emergency medical and dental care, religious upbringing, and extracurricular activities. In the event of a dispute, the parties shall make a good-faith effort to confer before seeking court intervention.

**B. Day-to-Day Decisions**

Each parent shall make routine day-to-day decisions regarding the children's care during their respective parenting time.

**III. PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**

**A. Primary Residential Parent**

Petitioner **Richard John Dorsey** shall be the primary residential parent. The children shall reside with Petitioner **Monday through Friday** during the regular school year and the majority of non-school time.

**B. Respondent's Parenting Time**

Respondent **Lauren Alicia Dorsey** shall have parenting time on **every other weekend** (Friday evening through Sunday evening), subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent must maintain a stable, suitable residence in Colorado with adequate sleeping arrangements for both children.
2. Respondent must provide Petitioner with her current address and any change of address within 48 hours.
3. Respondent must be physically present in Colorado during her scheduled parenting time.

**C. Overnight Estimate**

Parent	Estimated Overnights/Year
Richard John Dorsey (Petitioner)	~260
Lauren Alicia Dorsey (Respondent)	~52 (every other weekend)
Holidays / flex	~53

**IV. HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

The parties shall alternate major holidays. In years not specified, the regular schedule applies. Neither parent shall schedule activities that prevent the children from celebrating holidays with the other parent during that parent's designated time.

Holiday	Odd Years	Even Years
Thanksgiving	Petitioner	Respondent
Christmas Eve	Respondent	Petitioner
Christmas Day	Petitioner	Respondent
New Year's Day	Petitioner	Respondent
Mother's Day	Respondent	Respondent
Father's Day	Petitioner	Petitioner
Children's Birthdays	Alternate	Alternate

**V. SUMMER PARENTING TIME**

During summer school break, Respondent may request extended parenting time of up to two (2) consecutive weeks, provided:

1. Respondent provides at least 30 days' written notice.
2. Respondent maintains a stable Colorado residence with adequate sleeping arrangements.
3. The extended summer time shall not exceed Respondent's total allocated parenting time for the year.

#### **VI. TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE**

1. Exchange location: a neutral public location agreed upon by both parties, or school/daycare when applicable.
2. Both parents shall be punctual. Late arrival of more than 30 minutes without notice forfeits that parenting time.
3. Children shall not be transported by any driver who is impaired.

#### **VII. COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN**

Each parent shall encourage and facilitate regular telephone/video contact between the children and the other parent. Petitioner proposes a regular schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at a mutually agreed time for video calls during Petitioner's parenting time.

#### **VIII. RELOCATION**

Neither parent shall relocate with the minor children more than 20 miles from Boulder County, Colorado without prior written consent of the other parent or Court order, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 14-10-129.

#### **IX. EDUCATION**

The children are currently enrolled in school in Boulder County. Petitioner shall maintain primary responsibility for school enrollment, attendance, and transportation. Both parents shall have equal access to school records, teacher communications, and school events.

#### **X. MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE**

Both parents shall have access to the children's medical records and providers. Emergency medical decisions may be made by the parent with whom the children are residing at the time.

Non-emergency medical decisions shall be made jointly.

Respondent shall maintain the children on her health insurance plan if available at reasonable cost through her employer. Both parents shall share equally in unreimbursed medical and dental expenses.

**XI. BASIS -- BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN (C.R.S. § 14-10-124)**

This plan is proposed in the best interests of Lucia and Rae based on the following factors:

- 1. Primary caregiver:** Petitioner has been the sole physical caregiver and primary financial provider for the children since March 12, 2025 -- and the de facto primary caregiver since at least August 2024.
- 2. Stability:** Children have their own beds, consistent daily routine, reliable school transportation, and established relationships in their community in Petitioner's care.
- 3. Respondent's absence:** Respondent relocated to Hawaii on March 12, 2025 and was absent from Colorado for approximately one year. During this period, Respondent provided only \$330.00 in total financial support.
- 4. Respondent's housing instability:** Since returning to Colorado in February 2026, Respondent has resided at multiple addresses in a short period, is currently sharing a single bed with both children, and has not yet established stable independent housing.
- 5. Children's adjustment:** The children are adjusted to their current school, home, and community. Disruption should be minimized.

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**SIGNATURES**

Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard John Dorsey

Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lauren Alicia Dorsey

Approved by the Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge Timothy L. Johnson, Division 14, Boulder County District Court