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Things Primary Custodians Know; Custody Ba

When mom and dad are getting a divorce, or even if not married, custody is frequently an issue. I they cannot agree to the Custody arrangement, the Court will decide for them by applying the <u>All factors.</u>

Within these factors there are a few which carry more weight than others. (Ultimately the Jude d weight of each). Today's blog is focusing on the "continuity of care prior to separation." This mean the primary caregiver. To determine this the Court conducts a factual review of the parties action with regards to being the primary caregiver and knowing the things primary caregivers know.

Primary caregivers know;

- School teacher(s)
- Day care provider(s)
- Pediatrician
- Dentist
- Close friends of the child
- Child's favorites; food, colors, TV shows, toys
- Child's physical health issues
- Clothes sizes
- Shoe sizes

Primary caregivers do the following;

- Get the child ready for their day
- Cook, clean, wash, bathe the child
- Take the child to and from school
- To and from the Dr.'s visits
- Play dates
- Birthday parties at the Jump Zone
- School programs
- Extracurricular Activities
- Clothes shopping
- Shoe shopping
- Santa Clause, Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny

While the division of the above chores is rarely even, and each parent has their role, more often th is doing more and the Court will consider the facts when determining continuity of care.

*The Court determines the weight of each factor. Even if a parent was favored in continuity of car alone does not provide that they will gain custody in every circumstance.

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