

HELPING YOUR OWN CUSTODY CASE

Courts often look at who performs basic but important services for their children.

These include the following:

- Serving meals to children
- Putting children to bed
- Reading children stories
- Dressing the children
- Disciplining the children (appropriately and in a consistent manner)
- Taking care of children in the middle of the night
- Assisting with toilet training
- Giving children baths
- Buying children clothes
- Taking children to the doctor and dentist
- Taking children to school/daycare
- Taking children to play with other children
- Taking children to lessons, classes and other extracurricular activities
- Playing and drawing with the children
- Watching television and movies with the children
- Working on the children's homework with the children
- Changing children's diapers
- Taking off work (or arranging schedule) to take care of sick children
- Taking children to church
- Planning and participating in children's birthday parties

These are many factors that the Court will need to consider when custody is an issue.