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I wish to make the following points:

50/50 residence is a good starting point.

It allows fathers options they don't currently see that they have, like working ÷ part time and caring for the children as well.

It begins to address the fact that fathers are important to the children - as important as mothers.

50/50 will only work if the children have stability. Children can't be changing \* schools or leaving behind networks of support and friends just so the parents can have their equal share.

Children need to love both parents. \*

Grandparents play a very important role in the life of the children and should have ÷

rights to see the children and be involved in their lives. \* Every case is different and should be given the chance to be seen as different. Highly emotional issues like separation and divorce aren't dealt with well by the × adversarial system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely