

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION TO ASSEMBLE (prior to discussion in mediation)**

### ***Documents and Research***

It is very helpful to obtain the following documents (or to research these matters by making notes with details of how you determined the required information) relating to:

#### **Income & Support Information:**

1. Past 3 year's tax returns
2. Last year's W-2 and/or 1099's
3. Most recent paystub from all employers showing year to date pay
4. Cost of health insurance for self, cost for family including children of this relationship, cost for children only
5. Cost of work-related child daycare (or clear understanding of how charged in school year and during summer)
6. Cost of children's continuing unusual medical care, and private schooling
7. If self-employed, or if you also own a business, special information including:
  - a. at least several past years tax returns relating to business (business tax returns or K-1's if corporation or partnership, Schedule C if sole proprietorship); and
  - b. records reflecting current gross receipts, and ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce that income.

#### **Parentage Documents & Miscellaneous**

8. Birth Certificate, Admission of Paternity, genetic testing results or related documents, if at issue
9. Cost of genetic testing
10. Cost of pregnancy-related medical care
11. Any prior agreements or prior Court Orders (including Support Orders for other children or former spouses)

#### ***Financial Affidavit:***

You will be required to file with the Court a notarized statement of your financial circumstances. This court form is known as a "Financial Statement" and is available for your convenience on our website at "Mediation Resources | [Tools & Colorado](#)

[Paternity Forms](#) page. In some cases, you may decide (and most courts may allow you to choose) to dispense with completing the sections regarding your assets.

***FINAL NOTE:***

Exchange of documentation of certain of these items may be required, but do NOT worry or stress about any particular item in advance of our work together.

We can understand better whether any particular item is important or necessary to your mediation as we meet, and we can often help you understand easier ways to obtain information you need, but that is not readily available.

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