

The Best Interest of the Child

Decisions respecting guardianship, parenting arrangements or contact with a child must consider **only** the best interests of the child.

Health and emotional well-being (A)

Child's view, unless it would be inappropriate to consider them (B)

The nature and strength of the relationships between the child and significant persons in the child's life (C)

History of the child's care (D)

Child's need for stability, given the child's age and stage of development (E)

The ability of each person who is a guardian or seeks guardianship of the child, or who has or seeks parental responsibilities, parenting time or contact with the child to exercise his or her responsibilities (F)

Impact of any family violence on the child's safety, security or well-being, whether the family violence is directed toward the child or another family member (G)

Whether the actions of a person responsible for family violence indicate that the person may be impaired in his or her ability to care for the child and meet the child's needs (H)

The appropriateness of an arrangement that would require the child's guardians to cooperate on issues affecting the child, including whether requiring cooperation would increase any risk to the safety, security or well-being of the child or other family members. (I)

Any civil or criminal proceeding relevant to the child's safety, security or well being. (J)