

# Study of Demographics, Outcomes and Experiences of Individuals with Custody and Parenting Matters in Family Court

## Preliminary Study Results from Group 1

<u>Population</u>	<u>Female =</u> <b>21</b>	<u>Male =</u> <b>9</b>	<u>Both = 30</u>
<b><u>LOCATION:</u></b>			
<i>Calgary</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Edmonton</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Northern Alberta</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Southern Alberta</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b><u>AGE RANGE:</u></b>			
	<b>31-57</b>	<b>30-62</b>	<b>30-62</b>
<b><u>AGE AVERAGE:</u></b>			
	<b>41.4</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>42.8</b>
<b><u>INCOME RANGE:</u></b>			
	<b>\$11,000.00- \$79,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00- \$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,000.00- \$300,000.00</b>
<b><u>AVERAGE INCOME:</u></b>			
	<b>45.4K</b>	<b>127K</b>	<b>82K</b>
<b><u>MARITAL STATUS:</u></b>			
<i>Married</i>	<b>21</b>		
<i>Unmarried</i>	<b>9</b>		
<b><u>AGE RANGE OF CHILDREN:</u></b>			
	<b>2.5 - 24</b>		
<b><u>AVERAGE AGE OF CHILDREN:</u></b>			
	<b>10.8</b>		
<b><u>MOST FREQUENT AGE OF CHILDREN:</u></b>			
	<b>12</b>		
<b><u>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY:</u></b>			
<i>One</i>	<b>8</b>		
<i>Two</i>	<b>15</b>		
<i>Three</i>	<b>6</b>		
<i>Four</i>	<b>1</b>		
<b><u>EDUCATION STATUS:</u></b>			
<i>High School</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>
<i>College or post-secondary no degree</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Bachelor's Degree</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

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<i>Master's or PhD</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>			
<i>Pilots License</i>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RACE:</b>			
<i>Caucasian</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>
<i>Afro-Caribbean, Latin, American</i>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Mediterranean</i>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Indigenous</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Eastern European</i>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIZEN:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS:</b>			
<i>Fulltime</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>
<i>Parttime</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Unemployed/Retired/Disability/Pension</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Self-employed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>HISTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>HISTORY OF ADDICTION ISSUES:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SOCIAL WORKER INVOLVEMENT:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>ATTEND PARENTING CLASSES:</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>
<i>No</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>

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<b>Unsure</b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
<b>SUPERVISED ACCESS AWARDED:</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
<b>No</b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>
<b>WHAT TYPE OF COURT PROCEEDING(S)?</b>			
<b>Access</b>	<b><u>6</u></b>		<b><u>6</u></b>
<b>Appeal</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Applications</b>		<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>BJDR</b>		<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Case Management</b>		<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Child Support</b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
<b>Civil Claims</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Collaborative Law</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Consent Orders</b>		<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b>Custody</b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
<b>Divorce</b>	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>
<b>Docket</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>EICC (Early Intervention Case Conference)</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>Emergency Hearing</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>EPO</b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
<b>False Accusations</b>		<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Family Chambers</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Hearings</b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b>JCC (Judicial Case Conference)</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>JDR</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
<b>Mediation</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>Morning Chambers</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>No Contact / Restraining Orders</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>Parenting</b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
<b>PN5</b>		<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Pre-Trial Conference</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Property Division</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>		<b><u>3</u></b>
<b>Resolution Council</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Section 7 Expenses</b>	<b><u>2</u></b>		<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Special's</b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b>Spousal Support</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>

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<i>Trial</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>
<b><u>TOXIC STRESS AWARENESS?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
<b><u>HAD REPRESENTATION?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>22</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>28</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b><u>CHILD REPRESENTATION?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>23</u>
<b><u>PN7?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22</u>
<b><u>OTHER PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED?</u></b>			
<i>Psychologist / Counsellor</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>
<i>McKenzie Friend</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Social Worker/CPS/CFS</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
<i>MEP Employee</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Professional Supervisor</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Parent Coordinator / Coach</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>RCMP</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>None</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
<b><u>LEGAL ISSUE BEFORE THE COURT?</u></b>			
<i>Access</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Breach of Orders</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Child Support / MEP</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
<i>Civil</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Custody</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
<i>Criminal</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
<i>Div of Assets/ Property</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>Domestic Violence/Children</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>EPO</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<i>Order</i>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Parenting</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Spousal Support</i>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
<b><u>OUTCOME?</u></b>			
<i>Breach of Order</i>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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<i>Child Support Order</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Child Support Amount Increased</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Criminal</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Custody was Reversed from Opposing</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Div of Assets</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Divorce Granted</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>Exclusive Decision Making</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>False Accusations Withdrawn</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Guardianship</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Immediate Return of Child from Opposing</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>In Case Management</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Lost Everything</i>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Majority Parenting Time</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Minimal Visitation for Opposing / Decrease</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>No Show / Outcome</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>On going / Waiting for Trial</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>Parenting Time</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Primary Custody/ Residency</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<i>Restraining Order for Children &amp; Parent Against Opposing Party</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Section 7 Expenses</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Shared Parenting / 50/50</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>Signed All Rights Over to Opposing</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Sole Custody</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Sole Custody Awarded to Opposing</i>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
<i>Supervised visits</i>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
<i>Unknown no Action Currently</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Visitation</i>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>~Answer was missed</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>WAS THE ORDER FOLLOWED?</b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>ANY FOLLOW UP AFTER COURT TO SEE HOW THINGS WERE GOING?</b>			

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Yes	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
No	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>28</u>
<b><u>SATISFIED WITH RESULT?</u></b>			
Yes	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
No	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>
<b><u>HAVE THE CUSTODY/PARENTING ISSUES BEEN RESOLVED?</u></b>			
Yes	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>21</u>
No	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
<b><u>NUMBER OF APPEARANCES?</u></b>			
1 - 5	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
10+	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
12+	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
20	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
30+	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Lost Count	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
<i>~Did not answer question</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<b><u>HOW MUCH DID IT COST?</u></b>			
2K - 5K	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
6K - 10K	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>
15K - 20K	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
25K - 35K	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
40K - 56K	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
60K - 80K	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
90K - 100K	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
130K - 145K	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
250K	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
1 Million	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<b><u>DID IT COST MORE THAN YOU EXPECTED?</u></b>			
Yes	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>26</u>
No	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<b><u>HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?</u></b>			
1 - 7 Months	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
1 - 2 Years	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
3 - 4 Years	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
5 - 7 Years	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
8 - 9 Years	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
10 Years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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<i>On going</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<b><u>DID IT TAKE LONGER THAN YOU EXPECTED?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
<b><u>IN HINDSIGHT WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?</u></b>			
<i>Better attorney selection</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Self-represent</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>Not trust the system</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Not marry or have kids</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>End the relationship sooner</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Request more (by knowing rights)</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>Suicide</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Nothing as the system will never change</i>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>~No answer to question</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<b><u>HOW MANY JUDGES?</u></b>			
<i>One</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Two</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Three</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>Four</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<i>Five</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Five +</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Eight</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Nine</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Nine +</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Fifteen</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<i>Lost Count</i>	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>
<i>~No answer to question</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
<b><u>WERE CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS?</u></b>			
<i>Yes</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
<i>No</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>29</u>