## Childraising Equality Scale



How equal are you and your partner in time spent on kid stuff? Talk with your partner about the time per week (or month or year) you each spend on each activity. Add more items as you think of them; ignore those that don't apply. In the Who column, put an " $=$ " sign by those items that you feel are equally shared, or the initials of the person who does more of the activity by those items that aren't equal. It's okay if one of you does $100 \%$ of a given task! Then, put an $\mathbf{X}$ on the scale to show your current overall childraising balance. Use the Who column to talk about how you might move toward a more equal picture.

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## Balanced

| Who | Activity/Issue | Who | Activity/Issue |
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|  | Assembling toys/equipment |  | Middle-of-night care of kids (soothing from nightmares, cleaning up bedwetting, etc.) |
|  | Bathing children |  | Morning routines (getting dressed, hair combing/styling, brushing teeth) |
|  | Celebration planning (birthday party, christening, bar mitzvah, graduation, etc.) |  | Nighttime and nap routines |
|  | Childcare and babysitter coordination |  | Nonschool learning supervision/ assistance (help with piano practice, etc.) |
|  | Clothes purchases for children (including deciding what to buy) |  | Packing children's supplies for vacations or day trips |
|  | Clothes rotation (seasonal availability, removing too small items, storing too large items, giving/accepting hand-me-downs) |  | Packing lunches and other items for school/camp |
|  | Crafts, projects, and other activities |  | Playdate/playgroup/other social activity coordination |
|  | Diapering, toilet training, and bathroom supervision |  | Playing with kids |
|  | Discipline |  | Preparation for feeding children (cooking, preparing bottles) |
|  | Emotional care of kids (during day hours) |  | Present purchases for children (your own and their friends) |
|  | Extracurricular classes/sports/camps (selection and enrollment) |  | School drop-offs and pickups |
|  | Extracurricular classes/sports/camps (attending or providing transportation) |  | Sick child care |
|  | Feeding children (includes breastfeeding and bottle feeding) |  | Supply purchases for children (diapers, wipes, school supplies, toothpaste, etc.) |
|  | Homeschooling |  | Taking time off from work for childcare needs |
|  | Homework supervision/assistance |  | Teaching your children things (e.g., how to ride a bike, read, cook) |
|  | Medical/dental care for children (making appointments, accompanying them) |  | Volunteering at school |
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