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Front Porch Software releases Shared Ground v2.0

New enhancements make the creation parenting plan calendars even easier for both attorneys and divorced parents

(University Place, WA – December 6, 2005) — Front Porch Software™, LLC, a developer of software designed to ease difficult situations involving children, today announced a major upgrade to its flagship product, Shared Ground™—a shared parenting calendar program. Enhancements were in response to specific requests from Shared Ground users nationwide.

Developed specifically for attorneys, mediators, and divorced parents, Shared Ground simplifies the process of creating and managing parenting plans and now with even more functionality. It significantly reduces the time divorce professionals spend building and managing custody agreements. Attorneys can share the electronic plan with clients, opposing counsel, and anyone else working on the plan. All parties using the software are able to view calendar events years in advance and view the results of proposed changes instantly. Parents use the software to update the schedule from year to year, making the management of holiday and school break schedules easier.

Front Porch Software President Jeff Thomas says, “We strive to constantly improve our simple, efficient software. These enhancements help Shared Ground to better meet the specific needs of caregivers and family law attorneys.”

Perhaps the most important development is the implementation of a built-in percentage calculator. Family Law attorneys can now view an accurate calculation of time spent with each child in a single month or year. This provides valuable information when working out an equitable plan.

“Attorneys in several states, including California, made specific requests for this function,” Thomas adds. “Shared Ground’s new release further minimizes the time spent preparing a parenting plan calendar by refining the software based on the end-users needs.”

The upgrade to version 2.0 also includes the ability to create second sets of recurring schedules for both school and summer, increases the flexibility of mid-week schedules, and includes three commonly used sample calendars users can personalize to fit their own schedule. Holidays, such as Martin Luther King Day and Thanksgiving, have gained 3- and 4-day weekend options and a separate return time for child exchanges was added, allowing the ability to set different drop-off and pick-up times.

About Front Porch Software™, LLC

Front Porch Software™, LLC was founded in 2003 by Jeff Thomas. His vision for the firm was to develop software tools that would help people in difficult life situations, particularly those involving children. The effortless software is designed to revolutionize the entire process of developing parenting plans for divorcing parents and family law attorneys. Version updates are available for users to download at no charge. The software can be purchased at www.sharedground.com.

Expect to see other life-enhancing products from Front Porch Software.

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