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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 2-518 / 92-23

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF LISEN OVERTURF-TRUE AND DONALD JAMES TRUE

Upon the Petition of

LISEN OVERTURF-TRUE,

Appellant,

And Concerning

DONALD JAMES TRUE,

Appellee.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Cerro Gordo County, Gilbert K. Bovard, Judge.

The petitioner mother appeals the visitation provisions of the dissolution decree dissolving the parties' marriage. **AFFIRMED.**

John G. Sorensen of Stanton & Sorensen, Clear Lake, for appellant.

Matthew F. Berry, Clear Lake, for appellee.

Heard by Donielson, P.J., and Sackett and Habhab, JJ.

DONIELSON, J.

Lisen Overturf-True and Donald True were divorced in December 1991. Prior to the issuance of the decree, the parties had arranged a visitation schedule with the children. Lisen would drop off their two children, Timothy and Caitlin, at Donald's parents' home at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Donald would provide the children breakfast and stay with the children until 2:30 p.m., at which time he had to go to work. Lisen would then pick up the children at 4:00 p.m. On Wednesday evening the children would stay overnight with Donald. In the district court's decree, the court granted Donald a continuation of this visitation schedule. Lisen now appeals the visitation provisions of the decree.

In this equity action, our review is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4.

We remind the petitioner that liberal visitation rights are in the best interests of the children. Iowa Code § 598.41(1) 1991; In re Marriage of Muell, 408 N.W.2d 774, 777 (Iowa App. 1987). Both parents, as joint custodians, are charged with maintaining those interests. Unless visitation with the noncustodial parent will in some way injure the child, it is not to be prohibited. Fitch v. Fitch, 207 Iowa 1193, 1197, 224 N.W. 503 (1929). Access to one's child should not be denied unless the court is convinced such visitations are detrimental to the best

interests of the child. Willey v. Willey, 115 N.W.2d 833, 838 (Iowa 1962).

Lisen argues the visitation schedule should be modified because of Donald's history of being uncooperative and the current arrangement is "unworkable" and "disruptive." We do not agree. Lisen has not shown the present arrangement is at all disruptive to the children. Rather, since July 1991, the current arrangement has allowed Donald to care for the children while Lisen is at work, instead of requiring the children to be placed in day care. Lisen's obvious position that a day care center is preferable to the father's care and attention borders on the ridiculous. The best interests of the children is the polestar, not the convenience of the parent. This schedule assures the children the opportunity for maximum continued physical and emotional contact with their father and is clearly in the best interests of the children. We decline to modify the current visitation arrangement as set out by the district court.

The costs of this appeal are taxed to Lisen.

For the reasons stated, we affirm the judgment of the district court.

AFFIRMED.