

## **The Dunphy Family Fact Sheet**

Phil Dunphy is 47 years old, an active Real Estate Agent, and because he is not always great at closing a sale, he grossed only \$60,000 in 2016.

Claire Dunphy is 44 years old and after being a stay-at-home mom for several years, returned to work recently to work for her father's company, Pritchett's Closets & Blinds, in an entry-level position. Her goal is to take over the family business when her father, Jay, retires. In her new position, she grossed \$36,000 in 2016.

Phil and Claire have been married for 20 years and have three children.

The oldest child, Haley, 19, is of college age, but still lives at home and does some odd jobs to help support her shoe habit and pay for her cell phone. The parties are hoping that once they divorce, Haley will move out on her own and support herself.

The middle child, Alex, is 15. The parties have agreed that she will reside primarily with Claire and spend alternating weekends with Phil and, given her age, additional time depending on her club and various other activities. She is a very good student and does not want to lose focus on her desire to attend an Ivy League university.

The youngest child, Lucas "Luke", is 14. Phil and Luke are very close and like to perform magic and do silly tricks together. While he is not happy about it, Phil agrees that for the time being Luke can reside primarily with Claire so that he can continue to attend school with Alex in hopes that some of her intelligence will rub off on him. He will spend alternating weekends with Phil and one night per week.

The parties submit a Parenting Plan and agree that Phil will have 137 overnights per year, so a shared parenting support calculation is not necessary.

After 8 months under the parties original Parenting Plan, Phil hires an investigator to follow Claire because he believes that she has a serious drinking problem. In fact, he believes she has allowed Alex to drink in an effort to “loosen” her up a little and not worry about her studies so much. As a result of his investigation, Phil files a Petition to Modify the Parenting Agreement based upon serious endangerment of the children.

The parties agree to mediation and a GAL is appointed.