

## **CO-PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**When parents decide to divorce, the law ensures that neither parent is at fault...the relationship could not be saved. After separation parents have certain rights that will permit them to work toward meeting the best interest of their children. Those rights are:**

- 1. TO KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE.**
- 2. TO KNOW WHO YOUR CHILDREN ARE WITH.**
- 3. TO KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**
- 4. TO KNOW THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE.**
- 5. TO KNOW THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING STRUCTURE AND DISCIPLINE IN A POSITIVE AND LOVING WAY.**
- 6. TO KNOW YOU WILL BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR CHILD IS SERIOUSLY INJURED OR BECOMES SERIOUSLY ILL.**
- 7. TO HAVE APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE WITH THE OTHER PARENT.**
- 8. TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WHEN THEY ARE WITH THE OTHER PARENT.**
- 9. TO HAVE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND A SCHEDULE OF ALL MEETINGS IN WHICH YOUR CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE AWARDS AND HONORS.**
- 10. TO RECEIVE REALISTIC AND USEFUL INFORMATION IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING A PROBLEM, AND BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT.**
- 11. TO ALWAYS KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING SEEN BY A THERAPIST OR COUNSELOR AND HAVING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE IN THE COST, TRANSPORTATION AND THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES.**
- 12. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THERAPY, TO HAVE A THERAPIST WHO FOLLOWS THE BASIC ETHICAL RULES OF TREATMENT, DOES NOT HAVE A PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY OF YOUR CHILDREN'S CARETAKERS, AND WHO INCLUDES YOU IN THE TREATMENT PROCESS AS NEEDED.**
- 13. TO BE APPROPRIATELY INVOLVED IN CURRENT AND LONG TERM PLANNING OF SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, FRIENDSHIPS, RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.**
- 14. FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO NOT BE SUBJECTED TO VERBAL, EMOTIONAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE. TO KNOW YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE SPANKED OR PHYSICALLY PUNISHED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE TWO PRIMARY PARENTS AND IF ONE PARENT IS AGAINST CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, NEITHER PARENT WILL USE SUCH PUNISHMENT.**
- 15. TO HAVE YOUR PARENTING PLAN HONORED BY PROMPT EXCHANGES WITH EVERYONE ON TIME.**
- 16. TO PRESERVE THE COPY RIGHT TO THE TITLES "MOM" AND "DAD".**