

CHILDREN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

1. The right not to be asked to "choose sides" or be put in a situation where I would have to take sides between my parents.
2. The right to be treated as a person and not as a pawn, possession or a negotiating chip.
3. The right to freely and privately communicate with both parents.
4. The right not to be asked questions by one parent about the other.
5. The right not to be a messenger.
6. The right to express my feelings.
7. The right to adequate visitation with the non-custodial parent which will best serve my needs and wishes.
8. The right to love and have a relationship with both parents without being made to feel guilty.
9. The right not to hear any parent say anything bad about the other.
10. The right to the same educational opportunities and economic support that I would have had if my parents did not divorce.
11. The right to have what is in my best interest protected at all times.
12. The right to maintain my status as a child and not to take on adult responsibilities for the sake of the parents' well being, and to not be exposed to the conflict and problems of parents.
13. The right to expect consistent parenting at a time when little in my life seems constant or secure.
14. The right to expect healthy relationship modeling, despite the recent events.
15. The right to be in a safe environment.
16. The right not to have my visitation withheld even when I am being punished.
17. The right to maintain contact and relationships with extended family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., on both sides of my family.
18. The right not to ride in a car with anyone who is intoxicated or under the influence of any drugs.
19. The right to carry my belongings (such as gifts, toys, clothing, and other reasonable items that can be transported, not including pets) back and forth with me so that I can have items that are important to me without fear that my items will be confiscated or held by either parent.

