**DIVORCE: CHILDREN’S RIGHTS**

**Children have the Right to:**

**Develop** and maintain an independent relationship with each parent.

**Be free** of the conflict between the parents.

**Be free** from having to take over the parental responsibility for making custody or parenting time decisions.

**Be free** from having to take sides with, defend, or downgrade either parent.

**Be guided**, taught, supervised, disciplined and nurtured by each parent, without interference from the other parent.

**Be financially** supported by both parents, regardless of how much time is spent with each parent.

**Spend time** with each parent, regardless of whether or not financial support is given.

**A personal** sleeping area and space for possessions in each parent’s home.

**Be physically** safe and adequately supervised when in the care of each parent.

**A stable**, consistent and responsible child care arrangement when not supervised by the parents.

**Develop** and maintain meaningful relationships with other significant adults, as long as these relationships do not interfere with or replace the child’s primary relationship with the parents.

**Expect** that both parents with follow through with the child care plan, honoring specific commitments for scheduled time with the children.

**Both parents** being informed about medical, dental, educational, and legal matters concerning the child, unless such disclosure would prove harmful to the child.

**Expect** that their parents will consider any special needs (developmental, mental, emotional, or physical) they might have when arranging a child care plan.

**Participate** in age-appropriate activities so long as these activities do not significantly impair their relationship with either parent.