

Handout

THE FAMILY BILL OF RIGHTS*

1. Every child has the right to have two homes where he or she is cherished and given the opportunity to develop normally.
2. Every child has the right to a meaningful, nurturing relationship with each parent.
3. Every parent and child has the right to call themselves a family regardless of how the children's time is divided.
4. Every parent has the responsibility and right to contribute to the raising of his or her child.
5. Every child has the right to have competent parents and to be free from hearing, observing, or being part of their parents' arguments or problems with one another.
6. Every parent has the right to his or her own private life and territory and to raise the children without unreasonable interference from the other parent.

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