

**A CHILD'S RIGHTS**  
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- ❑ A CHILD has the right to love each parent without being subjected to the other parent's hurt or anger.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to develop an independent and meaningful relationship with each parent and to enjoy the uniqueness of each parent and each home.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to be free from involvement in parents' personal battles or being used as a spy, messenger or a bargaining child.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to extended family relationships, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and others. A Child has the right to appreciate the unique differences of each side of his or her family and not have these differences referred to as "better" or "worse."
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to be free from questions about the other parent's private life.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to observe his or her parents treat each other in a respectful and courteous manner.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to develop and maintain activities and friends without fear of losing time with a parent or making a parent angry.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to be a CHILD without having to assume adult and /or parental roles or duties.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to enjoy holidays and special days without conflict or argument.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to honor the cultural family traditions of his/her choosing.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to voice his/her opinion and share feelings about matters that concern the child.
- ❑ A CHILD has the right to ask questions about the divorce and subsequent changes in his/her life.