

Principles and Guidelines for Collaborative Family Law

VII. Children's Issues

- In resolving issues about sharing the enjoyment of and responsibility for our children, the parties, attorneys and other experts shall make every reasonable effort to reach amicable solutions that promote the best interests of the children.
- The Participants agree to act quickly to mediate and resolve all differences related to the children in a matter that will promote a caring, loving, and involved relationship between the children and each parent.
- The Participants agree not to seek a custody evaluation while the matter is a Collaborative Law case.
- We agree: to insulate our children from involvement in our disputes; to attend a requisite parenting class; that settlement discussions will not take place in the presence of our children unless by mutual agreement or with the advice of a child specialist; to be open to resources that will assist us in helping our children deal