

This agreement is for same sex couples.

PARENTING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this ____ day of _____, _____ by and between [NAME OF PARTNER #1] and [NAME OF PARTNER #2], both of _____ *[give full address of parties]*.

The parties hereto enter into this Agreement to set out their rights and obligations with respect to *[revise this part to fit your circumstances:]* any child or children adopted by the parties. The parties understand and acknowledge that their power to contract, as far as a child is concerned, is limited by the laws of _____. With this in mind, and in a spirit of co-operation, love and mutual respect, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parents agree to share equally the responsibilities involved in feeding, clothing, loving, educating, disciplining and raising the child(ren).
2. The parents agree to jointly make decisions with respect to the child(ren)'s health and welfare.
3. The child(ren) will be given the last name of _____.
4. The parents agree to enter into couples counseling in the event that either parent considers separation, in an attempt to spare the child(ren) from any psychological and emotional trauma that such separation might cause.
5. If the parents decide to separate, they shall use their best efforts to ensure that the child(ren) grow up in a good and healthy environment. To that end, the parents agree that:
 - (a) They will each do their best to see that the child(ren) maintain(s) a close and loving relationship with the other parent.
 - (b) They will share in the child(ren)'s upbringing and will contribute to the child(ren)'s support, based on their respective abilities to pay.
 - (c) They will each make a good faith effort to jointly make all major decisions affecting the child(ren)'s health and welfare.
 - (d) They will base all decisions upon the best interests of the child(ren). If the parties cannot agree about what is in the best interests of the child(ren), they agree to undergo counseling with the intention of working out their differences and to avoid legal action.

THIS IS A 2-PAGE FORM.