

## Visiting Parent Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my goal is to facilitate the best interests of my child(ren). With that in mind, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will not use drugs or alcohol within 24 hours of visiting with my child(ren) or during a scheduled visit. I understand that my visit may be canceled if there is a suspicion that these substances have been used.
2. I will arrive at the visitation center at the specified time of arrival, 15 minutes before the visit is to begin and leave 15 minutes after the visit has ended.
3. I understand that only those persons authorized in the Order or Referral may visit. Any other persons must get approval from the Court or referring source before bringing someone else to the visit.
4. I understand that if I want others ( who are authorized) to visit, I must notify the Whistle Stop Supervisor or Director before noon on Thursday before the visit, that I want bring someone to visit. I understand that others will be allowed to visit based on the availability of monitors and space. **WARNING: IF YOU BRING PEOPLE WITH YOU TO A VISIT AND IT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE WHISTLE STOP STAFF, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VISIT. IF YOU SHOW UP WITH A CHILD NOT AUTHORIZED AND CONFIRMED, YOUR VISIT WILL BE TERMINATED.**
5. I will not bring any weapons or articles that could be used as weapons to the visits. I understand that the security officer has the right to search for weapons and, if necessary, check in on visits.
6. I will not follow or harass another party before or after a scheduled visit.
7. I will not speak negatively about the child(ren)'s custodial parent in front of the child(ren).
8. I will not talk about adult issues, such as court proceedings with the child(ren) nor will I ask about the custodial parent's whereabouts or activities.
9. I will not make promises to the children about future living arrangements nor will I discuss future living arrangements with the children during visits.
10. I will not use the child(ren) as a messenger - I will not send written or verbal messages to the other parent via the child(ren).
11. If the child(ren) makes any statement or reference to any alleged or confirmed abuse, I will listen to what the child(ren) has to say and then change the subject and move on. If I need assistance, I will ask the monitor.

12. I will notify the Whistle Stop within 48 hours or a visit or by 12:00 noon on Thursday for Saturday and Sunday visits if I cannot attend a visit, otherwise, I understand that I am responsible for payment of the missed visit. The only excuse for nonpayment is a medical excuse from my doctor confirming an emergency visit or medical necessity. I further understand that if the child(ren) refuses to visit or becomes so upset that the visit cannot be completed that I am responsible for the cost of the visit.
13. I will follow the suggestions of the monitor while visiting the child(ren).
14. I agree not to use physical punishment, the threat of physical punishment or profanity with the child(ren) during the visits.
15. I agree not to inspect the child(ren) for evidence of physical abuse by removal of clothing for purposes of identifying signs of physical abuse.
16. I agree that I am not allowed to take my child(ren) to the restroom. I am required to notify a staff member to come escort my child(ren) to the restroom. I will also notify a staff member if I must leave the room for any reason before doing so.
17. I understand that if my child is wearing a diaper, that I am not allowed to change the diaper. If a diaper needs to be changed, I will notify the monitor who will change my child's diaper.
18. I agree not to attempt to hid my conversation with the child(ren) by whispering or in any other manner. All conversation must be audible to the visitation monitor.
19. I agree that I am not allowed to bring a camera or video camera to this facility. I further understand that the Whistle Stop will provide books, games, DVDs and other activities that I and my children may use during our visit and that it is not necessary for me to bring those items with me and that I shall not bring those items with me. If I desire to bring a special activity for use during a visit, I will get approval from the Director by Wednesday before the visit.
20. I understand that I am responsible for controlling my children. I will not allow them to misuse, mistreat, mangle, destroy or otherwise abuse the toys, games or other property or activities provided by the Whistle Stop for my family's use. If Whistle Stop property is broken or destroyed while being used by me or my children, I understand that I am responsible for reimbursement for the cost of that property.
21. I agree to abide by the Whistle Stop's gift policy:
  1. I may bring shoes or articles of clothing for the child(ren) to any visit;
  2. I may bring gifts at Christmas and for birthdays, however, gifts **cannot** be wrapped. They may be put in gift bags so that they may be easily inspected.
22. I agree to abide by the Whistle Stop's snack policy:
  1. The Whistle Stop provides water, juice and soft drinks; however, I may bring in these items if I chose to do so;
  2. I may bring snacks or lunch or I can order pizza before the visit begins to be delivered to the Whistle Stop to share with the child(ren) during a visit.
23. I understand that breaking this agreement may lead to the termination of visitation services at The Whistle Stop and I have received a copy of these policies.

