

## **Thinking About the Children.**

### **Before You Draft a Divorce Agreement, Have You Considered.....**

What should the physical custody arrangement be?

- Joint?
- Sole?
- Sole custody with visitation rights?
- Should a third-party have visitation rights?

Who should have legal custody (the right to make medical decisions etc)?

- Joint?
- Sole legal custody?

Should one parent pay child support?

- How much?
- For how long?
- Should it change if custody changes?

Should one parent make alimony payments?

- How much?
- What are the tax consequences?
- When would alimony cease?

Who will pay for education expenses?

- Who selects the school?
- Does it matter how expensive it is?
- Are the costs of books and uniforms included?
- What about extracurricular activities?
- Who will pay for college?
- Graduate school?
- Is room and board included?

Are we prepared for special events?

- Who will pay for birthday parties and Bar Mitzvahs?
- What about wedding expenses?

Who will claim the child on their taxes?

- Who could benefit from a tax deduction?

Who will carry health insurance for the child?

- Who will pay if services are not covered?
- What if the child needs counseling?

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