



Letter of Consent For Your Child to Receive Services: For Separated Parents or Guardians

Name of Child(ren): _____

Introduction: Our Goal for Service at ROCK

Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) is a multi-service organization providing child and family treatment services that works with families to improve the lives and relationships of children with their parents. We can work with families that are going through a separation or divorce. The children we work with usually live with parent(s) or guardian(s) [*Hereafter referred to as the "parent(s)"*].

ROCK understands that there is a wide range of decision-making arrangements for children and we will respect that. Where there is shared parenting time between the parents, ROCK considers it important to support the parenting relationship with the child and each parent.

Understanding Decision-Making and Consent for Service

This Letter is an important step for ROCK to understand if one or both parents need to provide consent for services for your child. ROCK will need to be clear that both parents are in agreement that their child can receive service before we proceed.

To be specific, ROCK needs to understand if decision making for your child is through a shared decision making process (also called custody) to both parents, or if decision making ability has been given to a single parent.

Even when decision-making is given to a sole parent, a written agreement may state that the other parent still needs to be **Involved** in service and/or **Informed** of the child's progress in service.

To aid us in becoming clear, ROCK will ask if there has been a written agreement. Some of the families that we see at ROCK have **no written agreement**, while others have a **written agreement** that has been created with a lawyer, a mediator, or through a legal court process. These agreements often help us to answer the question of who can give consent for your child to receive service.

Consent for Service - What this Means for You:

- 1. You may have **No agreement** for the decision making of your child(ren).
 - *If so, ROCK will ask **both** parents to sign this letter before we provide service for your child(ren).*

- 2. You may have a **Shared Decision-Making Agreement** through a *Joint Custody Agreement, a Separation Agreement or in an Interim agreement from a family court.*
 - *If so, ROCK will ask **both** parents to sign this letter before we provide service for your child(ren).*

- 3. You may have **Sole Decision-Making Ability** through a Court Order or a Separation Agreement that allows you alone to provide consent for your child to receive service.
 - *If so, ROCK will ask that you confirm that you can provide consent for services by signing this letter below.*

