

# Joint Custody

## Supplemental Form for Joint Custody

Before AARC and any contracted therapist can provide treatment to your child, we must have either; A). Consent from both biological parents or legal guardian(s), B). A copy of the court order that verifies the parent seeking treatment has "Legal Custody" (right to make medical decisions). In the even of option A)., if only one biological parent signs the informed consent, then the other biological parent will need to sign this joint custody form or provide another form of written consent. Your therapist has the right to contact the child's other parent or legal guardian(s) to coordinate your child's treatment.

It is important to understand that you agree that your therapist will not serve as an expert witness to testify on behalf of any parent(s), guardian(s) or any other individual. Any deposition, court proceeding or any other legal proceeding will be solely in the best interest of the child/adolescent. Your therapist will not become involved in legal disputes or other official proceedings unless compelled to do so by a court of law. Matters involving custody, mediation, visitations, and other legal decisions, are best handled by another professional who is specially trained in those areas, and will not be evaluated or recommended by your child's therapist.

In the event that your therapist is required to be involved in your legal proceedings, AARC reserves the right to charge for the receipt of any correspondence, documentation, reporting, or telephone calls not relating to direct counseling services for the child/adolescent.

In the event that improper or inaccurate consent or documentation is provided, you hereby do not hold AARC or your child's therapist responsible for services unauthorized by the child's shared legal guardian(s). Additionally, you agree that it is your responsibility to inform the therapist if at any time the shared guardian(s) no longer authorize services, wishes to meet with the therapist, or discontinue treatment.

BY CLICKING ON THE CHECKBOX BELOW I AM AGREEING THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.