

Tulsa Family Psychiatry & Wellness

Parental Agreement, Legal Custody, and Clinical Decision Making

Our Commitment

Our primary responsibility is to provide clinically appropriate care that supports your child's mental health, safety, and development. When parents or legal guardians share responsibility, disagreements may occasionally arise. The following policies help ensure care remains focused on the child while complying with applicable law.

Access to Health Information

Unless otherwise determined by a valid court order:

- Both biological or legal parents are entitled to access their child's health information.
- Our practice must follow applicable state and federal law regarding parental rights.
- Any limitation of parental access or decision-making authority **must be supported by official court documentation.**

If custody arrangements or decision-making authority differ from shared parental rights, legal documentation must be provided and maintained on file with our office.

Financial Responsibility

Parents or legal guardians who share responsibility for a child's care remain jointly responsible for:

- Appointment attendance
- Copays, deductibles, and outstanding balances
- Communication regarding scheduling or treatment needs

Financial disputes between parents cannot be mediated or managed by our office.

Clinical Decision Making

Our providers

- Use independent clinical judgment to develop treatment recommendations
- Base treatment decisions on what best supports the child's clinical needs
- Do not take sides in parental disagreements

Our role is clinical and therapeutic, not legal.

Role of the Practice

Tulsa Family Psychiatry & Wellness cannot serve as a referee between parents or guardians.

When legal conflict exists regarding medical decision making, resolution should occur through:

- The court system, or
- A court-appointed representative such as a Guardian ad Litem

We will cooperate with lawful requests while maintaining clinical neutrality.

Protecting the Child

Children should not be placed in the position of managing adult conflict or communicating disagreements between parents.

All parties are encouraged to communicate in ways that:

- Reduce stress on the child
- Support emotional stability
- Promote the best clinical outcome

Our shared goal is care that supports healthy development and long-term well-being.

Questions or Documentation Submission

Please provide custody or legal documentation to our administrative team so it may be securely maintained in your child's record.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, each parent or legal guardian acknowledges understanding of this policy regarding parental access, financial responsibility, and clinical decision making.

Patient: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Patient ID: PAT _____

Parent / Legal Guardian 1

Name (Printed):

Signature:

Date: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian 2

Name (Printed):

Signature:

Date: _____