



Child-Focused Shared Parenting

Per the 8th Judicial Circuit Family Law Advisory Group, “the policy of the State of Florida with respect to Family Law has long been to support a shared responsibility for the parenting of children after divorce. You are getting a divorce; you are not expected to like or love each other at this point. You are, however, expected by the statute to be child-focused and this demands that you behave with mutual respect and courtesy toward each other, especially in the presence of your children.” We, at Sunshine Pediatrics, share a mutual respect and courtesy toward both parents equally.

Your Parenting Plan:

Sunshine Pediatrics assumes that, unless otherwise documented by a court order, both parents have equal access to their child’s records. If your Parenting Plan contains information pertinent to your child’s medical care, or decisions about their care, please provide our office with current copies of these documents. Sunshine Pediatrics also requires documentation of subsequent updates (changes) made to Parenting Plans already on file.

Our Roles & Responsibilities:

Sunshine Pediatrics will always put your child’s health and well-being first. In a Shared Responsibility Parenting Plan, our providers will inform the parent attending the appointment information regarding cost, risk, benefits, and alternative treatments. It is that parent’s responsibility to discuss the matter with the parent not in attendance. If more information is needed regarding treatment or care, please contact one of our providers. We are unable to act as mediators or communicate the wishes of one parent to another.

Your Roles & Responsibilities:

You will always put your child’s health and well-being first. Both parents are expected to treat our office staff and providers with respectful and responsible communication. If you are the only parent present for an appointment, you will provide factual information about the visit to the parent not in attendance. Parents must make decisions about the health and care of their child without the provider being involved in a dispute. When you are at Sunshine Pediatrics, we expect both parents to focus on the purpose of the visit and avoid conflict or confrontation with one another. If only one party is present, that parent accepts responsibility for paying co-pays in full at the time of service. We are unable to bill parents separately and require current contact information and insurance coverage to be on file at all times. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in removal from our practice.