

# NEW JERSEY'S NEW WAYS FOR FAMILIES, LLC

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## **BEHAVIORAL DECLARATIONS**

Behavioral Declarations provide the New Ways Counselors with brief information about the three most pressing concerns each parent has about the other's parenting skills. Reply Behavioral Declarations, the second step, indicate whether each parent agrees or not with the concerns of the other. These help the counselors help the parents, by knowing the issues from each parent's point of view, and how much agreement or disagreement there is.

- A. The purpose of these declarations is to inform the counselors of your concerns, strengths, agreements/disagreements and requests. These will not be filed with the court so that you can focus on changing behavior rather than defending your past behavior.
- B. The behavioral declaration will be reviewed with your individual counselor. Both assignments should be no longer than 1 page each. Your behavioral declaration should describe specific strengths of the other parent, behaviors that are of concern regarding the other parent and what you are requesting regarding parenting plans.
- C. The behavioral declarations will be exchanged and replies provided by each parent.

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S/FATHER'S 3 STRONGEST CONCERNS ABOUT OTHER'S PARENTING**

1.

2.

3.

**MOTHER'S/FATHER'S VIEW OF OTHER'S 3 BEST STRENGTHS**

1.

2.

3.

**MOTHER'S/FATHER'S PARENTING REQUESTS**

1.

2.

3.

**Please End Here**

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The following is the second assignment. Fill out after you have reviewed the other parents Behavioral Declaration.**

**AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT WITH OTHER'S PARENTING CONCERNS**

1. **Other's Concern #1:**

2. **Other's Concern #2:**

3. **Other's Concern #3:**

**REVISED PARENTING REQUESTS (IF ANY)**

1.

2.

3.

**Please End Here**