

The Essentials of a Useful Contract

- Be honest and direct about the reasons for a contract, and to the fullest extent possible, engage the family in defining the terms of the contract.
- Obtain agreement from all parties to all items and details of the contract. Make certain that everyone benefits.
- Come to agreement regarding how grievances will be handled should anyone fail to live up to the terms of the contract. Consequences should be discussed in specific, behavioral terms.