



The Institute of Family Living

PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE

In thinking about gender and family justice, IFL therapists have been stimulated by the following “Guidelines” created by Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) at www.web.net/~cpj

1. **Human Dignity:** the right of all persons and their communities to be treated with justice, love, compassion, and respect, and their responsibility to treat others likewise.
2. **Mutual Responsibility:** the duty of all persons to contribute to the well-being of the community as they are able, and the duty of each community to contribute to the well-being both of all its members, regardless of their ability, and of those in the larger society.
3. **Economic Equity:** the right of all persons and communities to adequate access to the resources necessary for a full life, including access to worthwhile work, fair employment conditions, and income-security provisions, and our communal responsibility to use such resources responsibly.
4. **Social Justice:** the right of all persons and communities to full participation in the life and decision-making of Canada, and to adequate access to the resources necessary for a full life, including access to adequate education, health care, housing, and child care, and our communal responsibility to use such resources responsibly.
5. **Environmental Integrity:** the duty of all persons, communities, and institutions to fair fiscal treatment, and the responsibility of all to contribute fairly for the well-being of all.
6. **Fiscal Fairness:** the right of all persons, communities, and institutions to fair fiscal treatment, and the responsibility of all to contribute fairly for the well-being of all.

We agree with CPJ’s assertion that mutual respect is a way to justice, linking people and communities through bonds of equity and fairness. Likewise, we agree that mutual responsibility is a tie that binds, linking people and communities through deeds of compassion and solidarity.



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