Be kind to your partner and treat her/him well. Make decisions for the good of you both. Keep in mind the effect decisions have on the whole family. Don’t be greedy or stingy. Mutually agree to have ‘things’ that are each of yours and do not touch or abuse the other person’s things. Budget the family money together, equally sharing all parts of the household income.

In disagreements do not use your size, access to weapons, loader voice or anything else to ‘dominate’ the conversation. Listen and respect your partner’s beliefs, thoughts and dreams. If you feel yourself becoming angry, find a healthy outlet and postpone the conversation until you are calm. Never make decisions when you are upset.

Do not finalize decisions without the input from the other partner. Equally share parenting responsibilities, budgeting, chores and workload. Equally share parenting responsibilities including discipline, training, rule enforcement and establishment, and general chores, from the first day on.

Be truthful to yourself and others at all times. Cultivate an environment of trust and mutual respect for your partner. Respect each person for their own gifts and knowledge. Think before you act. Have close ties to both of your homelands and families. Never intrude on a person’s personal premises, or gossip about others. Allow each other to have personal space and time for yourself.