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Family Provider Philosophy Document

A document the family writes once and revisits annually

Most families don't have a philosophy about outsourcing. They have a series of accidents. This one-pager is a way to make the philosophy visible, write it down, and let it guide your decisions instead of starting from scratch each time.

The template

Our family's approach to outsourcing

As a family, we believe:

What we outsource

The things we've decided are better handed off. We outsource these because:

The current list:

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What we keep in-house

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The things we've decided to do ourselves, even if outsourcing would be technically possible. We keep these because:

The current list:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

What we rotate by season

The things that move depending on what life looks like.

Current rotation:

- _____
- _____
- _____

How we evaluate trust and fit

When we hire someone new, we look for:

We're willing to spend more for:

We won't compromise on:

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When we exit a provider relationship

The signs that tell us it's time to make a change:

How we handle exits:

Last reviewed: _____

Next review: _____

How to use this document

Write the first version together. Both parents, in one sitting. Forty-five minutes is enough.

Don't try to capture every nuance. The first draft is supposed to be rough. Revise it next year.

Keep it accessible. Pin it in your shared notes app, save it in the kitchen drawer, put it wherever you'll see it. Hidden documents become forgotten documents.

Revisit it annually. Lifecycle Tracker review is a natural time. So is the start of a new school year.

One small reframe

Most provider regret comes from unconscious patterns. *"How did we end up paying for that?"* or *"Why are we still doing this ourselves when it's draining us?"* Writing the philosophy down doesn't prevent every mistake. It just keeps the patterns from being invisible.

That's enough.