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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: PARENTING EVALUATION

My Training, Licensure, and Practice

I received a Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University/Seattle in 2011. I completed his predoctoral internship at the Fremont Community Therapy Project and Ryther Child Center in Seattle, WA, where I conducted numerous assessments and supervised other students on their clinical work. I am a Licensed Psychologist in Washington Sate (PY60252354). I currently work in a group practice called Spectrum Behavioral Health. I may consult with any of the members of my group during the assessment process to ensure the most accurate results possible.

Evaluation Process

Common questions and problems that come up in the parenting evaluations are discussed below. Please read all of this agreement carefully and talk about it with your lawyer. Please ask your lawyer about anything you don't understand. You will be asked to sign this agreement at your first meeting with the evaluator.

What is an Evaluation For?

This evaluation is for legal purposes and your children are our only clients. You are here because the judge and your lawyer have told you to come. The evaluator's job is to make suggestions to the judge about what is best for your children. Your job is to let the evaluator know your point of view. It can be a very hard and painful job to make suggestions about you and your children. The evaluator's job is to look at how you get along and work together with your children and the other parent. You may not like some of the suggestions the evaluator makes to the judge because the results of the evaluation may not support your views about this court case.

What will happen?

Before you see the evaluator, you will fill out a long form. This is so the evaluator can find out more about you. Part of the evaluation is a personality test and an interview. When you talk with the evaluator you can stop and not answer a question or questions. You can ask to take a break from the meeting. Next, the evaluator will watch each parent with his or her child (children). Then, the evaluator will talk with people you know, teachers, counselors, doctors and your family. The evaluator decides whom to talk to based on the issues in your case and what kind of information they can provide. Your evaluator may not contact your friends or family. If you want your friends or family to provide information to your evaluator, talk with your attorney about how to have them provide a written declaration. At the end of the evaluation, the evaluator will talk with you about the evaluation results. Throughout the process, your evaluator will provide you with the opportunity to correct errors or provide information that responds to the findings about you.

Will you talk with my child (children)?

Because children often feel as if they are in the middle of custody disagreements, and this can be quite burdensome to children, Dr. Bailey does not interview children under the age of 13. If you have a child (children) over the age of 13, your evaluator will make a determination as to whether to interview your teen(s). The decision is based on the developmental level and needs of your child (children).

What does the Evaluator do?

The evaluator will take notes as he/she interviews you and watches you with your children. After the evaluation, these notes will be saved. The evaluator will videotape your interviews and your play with your children. The videotapes will only be used to train evaluators and to help your evaluator make the right decisions. All videotapes will be destroyed before the end of the evaluation. You agree that they will not be given to anyone other than the evaluation team.

Will the Evaluator provide counseling to my children and me?

The evaluator will provide a parenting evaluation, and a report of the results will be provided to your attorney. The report may recommend counseling services for you and your child (children). **The evaluator cannot provide the counseling services in cases where they have provided a parenting evaluation.** Your evaluator can provide you with referrals to individuals that can provide the counseling services.

Case Records

You agree that none of the case records (tests, interview notes, observations notes, and notes from others) will be given to either parent (party) until the evaluation is finished. Then, the lawyers of the parents (parties) may look through and ask for copies of these records. The tests, though, cannot be copied. The tests can only be given to another psychologist. Copying fees for all case records are 96 cents per page for the first 30 pages and 73 cents per page after that. You also agree to pay \$22 for a secretary to copy the records. In addition, you will pay a \$30 per hour case review fee. This covers the cost of the time the evaluator spends with you while you review the file. The evaluator will not discuss your case with you during your case review appointment.

Will I get the report?

At the end of the evaluation, your lawyer will be given a written report with recommendations.

Can I know what the evaluator is going to say?

The evaluator's findings and opinions are important to you. Please do not ask the evaluator to give you any information until the evaluator has listened to all sides. The evaluator must look at the tests. The evaluator must look over the information from both parents and talk with other people connected to your family. You will get to hear and respond to the results of the evaluation about you before the report is finished. Then, both lawyers receive the report.

Legal facts

The evaluator's statements, report, and other actions might harm your court case. **Dr. Bailey must look at what is best for your child (children), over any adult's wishes. When you start this evaluation you give up your right for confidentiality and release Dr. Bailey from any and all legal responsibility from harm that might result from talking about your case with people who know your family or you.**

Additional disclosures may be required

Some information must be released because of the law in limited circumstances: if the evaluator becomes aware that you may be abusing, exploiting or neglecting a child under age 18, a developmentally disabled person, or an elderly person (RCW 26.44); if you become a danger to others, the evaluator must protect the other person(s) and you (RCW 71.05.120); if you become mentally ill and become unable to take care of your basic needs or become a danger to yourself or others and also refuse treatment (RCW 71.05); and if you tell the evaluator that you are suffering from an infectious disease, such as HIV (WAC 246-101-105).

Complaints

If you have reason to believe that I have acted in an unethical or unprofessional manner, I encourage you to discuss this directly with me. If you do not feel that I have been responsive to your concerns, there are several formal routes by which you can bring a complaint against me. You can write to the Examining Board of Psychology, Dept. of Health, 1300 SE Quince St., Olympia WA 98504, or to the Ethics Committee of the American Psychological Association, 750-1st Street NE, Washington DC 20002-4242.

Consultation

During the course of this case, Dr. Bailey may consult with other professionals to ensure the highest quality evaluation possible. Consultants may include, but are not limited to the following individuals: Andy Benjamin, JD, PhD, ABPP, Laura Brown, PhD, ABPP, & Bill Heusler, PsyD.

What is the cost?

You will pay \$1500 before the evaluation starts, which covers 10 hours of total time (5 hours covered per parent). The total cost of the evaluation will depend on the complexity of the case and will be billed at \$300/hour. Upon the ten hours being met, Dr. Bailey will request an additional payment based on an estimated number of hours to complete the evaluation. The total charge for the evaluation includes:

- finding out facts about each parent's concerns
- interviews
- observing you with your children
- making phone calls to people who know your family and you
- scoring tests
- writing the report
- talking with the lawyers

You pay before the evaluation begins, so that the evaluator cannot be blamed for making decisions because you have paid or not paid your bill. Paying the bill before the evaluation starts is best for everyone.

Additional costs for going to court

Dr. Bailey could bill for record reviews, answering questions asked by your lawyer or going to court as a witness. Fees depend on the amount of time involved. The bill will include all travel, and waiting for the judge. The added cost changes with the number and difficulties of the problems, the number of children involved, and the amount of lawyer contact and time with the court. If the evaluator has to do extra work, you will find out an estimated amount of added time and cost for the evaluation. Payment is required before the evaluator does any additional work.

Please make sure you understand what you have to do during the evaluation and what the evaluator has to do. **I have had time to talk with my lawyer about this agreement.** This information and the procedures of a parenting evaluation have been **explained to me. I agree to follow** these policies, the procedures of the evaluation, and have received a copy of this agreement.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF PARTY: _____

I have reviewed this information with the party and the party agrees with the policies as evidenced by his/her signature.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR: _____