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DESCRIPTIONS OF FORENSIC EVALUATIONS

Psychological Evaluation:

Provides in-depth information on an individual's functioning in three primary areas: personality, emotional and behavioral, and cognitive. Useful to help understand what a person is thinking and feeling, their underlying personality structure, intellectual strengths and limitations, coping skills, areas of weakness in coping, and why a person behaves as he or she does. Includes records review. Cost: \$1,500.

Psychological Evaluation with Parenting Capacity and Attachment Assessment:

Useful when a psychological evaluation of either a caregiver or child is needed, along with a need for information regarding a caregiver's parenting capacity, quality of a current attachment bond, and capacity for future secure attachment with a child. Useful especially when child custody is in question. Includes full psychological testing of either the caregiver or child, assessment of attachment behaviors and histories of caregiver and child, and caregiver-child observations. Cost: \$1,800, with \$1,100 for additional parent and \$600 for each additional child.

Abbreviated Parenting Capacity and Attachment Evaluation:

Available when psychological testing of caregiver or child is not requested. Includes diagnostic interviews with caregiver and child, caregiver-child observation, assessment of family dynamics, and screenings of caregiver and child psychological functioning. Available for any caregiver, including parents, other relatives being considered for custody of a child such as grandparents, and foster parents. Record review such as for social services cases included. Cost: \$1,500 for one caregiver, with additional \$600 per additional child or caregiver.

Juvenile Offender Psychological Evaluation and Risk Assessment:

For juvenile offenders, includes a psychological evaluation of personality functioning, emotional and behavioral symptoms, and cognitive functioning, with analysis of level of risk for future behaviors and focus of recommendations on suggestions for reducing risk of continued delinquent behavior. Interview addresses (a) risk for dangerousness, (b) sophistication-maturity, and (c) treatment amenability. Cost: \$1,500.

MMPI-2 or MMPI-A only:

These widely-used and researched tests of adult and adolescent psychopathology can be used to screen for clinical and psychosocial disorders. Questions are designed to evaluate the thoughts, emotions, attitudes, and behavioral traits that comprise personality. Cost: \$150.

Additional Services:

Collateral interviews such as with the person's relatives, acquaintances, or work associates can be made when additional information is needed on individual functioning, behavior, and parenting in order to complete a psychological evaluation or risk assessment. Home observations can be conducted. Travel to a detention center or prison can be arranged. Consultation is also available to determine the most appropriate evaluation given the situation, or to provide information regarding child or adolescent development and typical needs by age or information on psychological disorders in general. Cost: \$150/hr.

Court Appearance: Preparation and court appearance: \$150/hr., with \$400 minimum. Over ½ day: \$150/hr. Cancellations must be made 5 business days in advance or retainer of \$340 is non-refundable.

In custody evaluations, estimated costs are due prior to testing unless an agency such as social services is the responsible party. Insurance not accepted for court-ordered evaluations or if it will be used in court.