

# Hamner Psychological Services

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## **Informed Consent Regarding Court Psychotherapy for Children and Their Families Who Have Experienced/or are Experiencing Separation and/or Divorce Process**

Client/Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Hamner Psychological Services (HPS) believes "children" of separated and/or divorced parents should have contact with both parents unless one or the other parent has been significantly inappropriate.
- Standard fees for services will apply and are expected to be paid at the onset of each session unless other forms of reimbursement have been established.
- Record Review and/or additional consults with client/collateral/parents via email, telephone in person greater than 15 minutes will be prorated and billed at \$250.00 per hour. Any fees that are incurred between appointments will need to be paid no later than the next scheduled appointment in order to be seen.
- In the event of a subpoena, a retainer in full will be required to cover expected court preparation and testimony time.
- An attempt will be made for children to be scheduled with parents alternating accompaniment. Whomever brings the child/children will be responsible for payment of that session.
- Any matter brought to my attention by either parent regarding the child may be revealed to the other parent. Matters which are brought to my attention that are irrelevant to the child's welfare may be kept in confidence. However, these matters may best be brought to the attention of others, such as attorneys, personal therapists or counselors.
- Therapists at Hamner Psychological Services involved in the treatment of you and your family will have your consent to collaborate regarding all aspects of treatment so that the most appropriate care can be provided. Parents may be expected to also have an Initial Assessment of their adjustment to current situation, diagnosis and treatment by separate psychologist so they may work on individual issues impeding their child's progress.
- This psychotherapy will not yield recommendations about custody. In general, I recommend that parties who are disputing custody strongly consider participation in alternative forms of negotiation and conflict resolution, including mediation and custody evaluation, rather than try to settle a custody dispute in court.

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