

Part Time Forensic Psychologist

The Cecil County Family Support Services is seeking a Part-time Forensic Psychologist to perform Custody Evaluations with Psychologicals or Psychological Evaluations in Family Law Cases.

Job Description:

Custody Evaluations with Psychologicals:

MD Rule § 9-205 (f1) & (f2)

The Court may request a Full Custody Evaluation with Psychological Testing. The Evaluation will include interview(s), (parents, child/ren, counselors, significant others, and extended family when necessary), as well as observations of the family unit.

Providers may be required to provide testimony or conduct a formal home study, as ordered by the Court. For your information, an estimate of the possible total number of evaluations annually is 20-30 (divided among contractors).

Required Skills and Experience:

- Providers should have a Doctorate Degree in the field of psychology and mental health.
- Providers shall have education or training in child development, child and adult psychopathology, interviewing techniques, and family systems.
- Formal training in conducting custody evaluations preferred. Evaluators shall adhere to the ethical principles of their own professions and should abide by the standards of practice as established by one (1) of these or similar associations (AFCC or APA).
- Minimum five (5) years' experience working with individuals and families in a mental health or behavioral/social sciences setting.
- Evaluators must have understanding of the complexities of the divorce process, an awareness of the legal issues regarding custody and visitation in Maryland.
- Familiarity with effects of domestic violence, conflict, alienation, alignment, and substance abuse on children and families is essential.
- Providers should participate in interdisciplinary trainings and professional seminars and maintain familiarity with current research, professional literature, and standards of practice regarding family dispute resolution, evaluation, and treatment of families.

Reporting Requirements

Providers will be responsible for submission of a professional and detailed evaluation to the Court via Family Support Services upon completion by the due date determined by the court.

Fee for Evaluation: \$3,200.00

Psychological Testing

Provider will perform a forensic psychological examination on a parent or guardian that is court ordered for reasons to determine if there are any psychological factors that impede a parent's parenting skills, and whether their psychological impediments affect the child/parent relationship.

Required Skills and Experience

- Providers should possess either a Psy.D or Ph.D in the field of psychology and mental health. Providers should have familiarity with high conflict divorce and custody cases and shall have previous experience in collaborating with the Court.
- Formal training in conducting these evaluations for court related services preferred. Minimum five (5) years' experience working with individuals and families in a mental health or behavioral/social sciences setting.
- Evaluators must have an awareness of the legal issues regarding custody and visitation in Maryland. Familiarity with effects of domestic violence, conflict, alienation, alignment, and substance abuse on children and families is essential.

Reporting Requirements

Providers will be responsible for submission of a psychological report to the Court via family Support Services upon completion by the date determined by the Court.

Fee for Evaluation: \$1,100.00

**Please submit Resume to Nolanda Kirby, Family Support Services at Cecil County Circuit Court
129 East Main Street, Room 106, Elkton, MD 21921**