

Part Time Custody Evaluator

The Cecil County Family Support Services is seeking a Part-time LCSW, LCSW-C, LCPC, or PhD to perform Custody Evaluations in Family Law Cases.

Job Description:

Custody Evaluations:

(per MD Rule § 9-205 (f1) & (f2))

The Custody Evaluator conducts a Psychosocial Family Evaluation that includes interview(s), with the parents, and children in a family law case to include observations of the family unit, and home studies. The purpose of the evaluation is to identify the child(ren)'s needs and each parent's strengths and limitations in meeting those needs as directed by an order or recommendation by the court.

Reporting to the Court:

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. Providers may be required to provide testimony to the Court. Providers can determine their rate for testimony.

Fee for service: \$1,500.00 per family

Required Skills and Experience

- ❖ Providers should have a Master's or Doctorate Degree in the field of psychology and mental health. Providers should possess a Social Work or Mental Health License (LCSW, LCSW-C, LCPC)
- ❖ 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.

Please submit resume and cover letter to via mail or email to:

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