

## **PARENTING EVALUATION**

### **FAST FACTS**

**This is NOT a Custodial Evaluation. We do not determine if one parent is more competent than another. This is a forensically based parental competency evaluation to determine how the parent functions and what supports, education, and services may offer benefit to the parent. Court use this evaluation so THEY can make decisions, we do not testify or make custodial recommendations.**

#### **PROCESS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> session is an interview with a Parent Educator to gather familial history and releases to communicate with others who have been involved in the family and/or service providers.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> session is an interview with a licensed psychologist to gather social-emotional history, complete standardized testing such as MMPI-2 personality inventory. Screenings may be used for Drug and Alcohol use, depression, and anxiety.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> session is an observation of parent/child interaction in our ABC Carlisle or Chambersburg Site where a Parent Educator performs an assessment of engagement. (can occur in your home for specific cases) - Minimum of 1 observation will occur, more may be needed on a case by case basis
- Final step is the assessment team gathering information from collateral sources given at the intake and collaborating on all pieces of the process to determine what, if any, recommendations would benefit the family/parent.

#### **Cost:**

- Cost of the evaluation starts at \$2000.00. for one parent being evaluated.
- Additional Fees added for additional observations needed.
- Additional Fees added for couples parenting together resulting in one report for both.
- \$1000 deposit required prior to 1<sup>st</sup> appointment scheduled.
- Fees added for no-shows or less than 24 hour notice for cancellations.
- Report not completed until full payments are made.

#### **Testimony:**

- This is a multi-disciplinary report generated by a team. We DO NOT provide testimony regarding custody recommendations or expert testimony regarding the report or process.