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CO-PARENT COUNSELING AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVES

1. The parties agree and understand that this service is co-parenting counseling. This is **not** an evaluation and the objective is not to determine if it is in the child(ren)'s best interest to have contact with a parent. Rather, the parties agree that it is in the child(ren)'s best interest to keep conflict minimal and to this end, try and work out their differences in counseling. The general goal is to foster healthy child adjustment.
2. To meet the goals above, the parents have agreed to engage the services of Dr. Tamsen Thorpe (also referred to as "the therapist" in this Agreement) and will provide the legal paperwork appointing Dr. Thorpe and contact her to schedule appointments.

CONFIDENTIALITY

3. The parties understand that the process is confidential between both parents and Dr. Thorpe. Dr. Thorpe may use her discretion to exchange information as necessary. In most situations, we can only release information about this treatment to others if a signed Authorization from all parties is obtained. Dr. Thorpe shall be free to disclose all information, documentation and correspondence generated by the process with the lawyer for each parent and with the court, only with proper authorization. The parties agree that they will sign all necessary releases requested by Dr. Thorpe in the event that she needs to communicate with a collateral source.
4. The parties understand that Dr. Thorpe is required to report to the appropriate child welfare/protective services if she has a reasonable suspicion that a child(ren) is being abused and/or neglected. In addition, she is obliged to notify the proper authorities if she has a "reasonable suspicion" that a client may harm himself or herself or the other parent.

FEES

5. Fees are at the rate of \$300.00 per hour. Since this is a forensic service with the focus being on coparenting issues mostly, no identified patient exists and no diagnosis will be provided, thus this is not reimbursable by medical insurance. Fees are applied to all time expended in any/all professional activities, including administrative matters. This includes time spent in reviewing documents and correspondence, writing memos to the file, writing reports, voice-mail, writing and reviewing received e-mail, meetings, and contacts/telephone calls with the parents, their counsel

and other professionals involved. Also included are any unpaid fees charged retroactively from the time that services are initially requested, and the file is opened. This also includes disbursements paid to collateral sources for verbal and/or written reports and agency/hospital reports should these be required by the source.

6. A retainer payment in the sum of \$3,000.00 will be deposited, in advance, made payable to Directions CLS, LLC. At all times each parent shall maintain a retainer of at least \$600.00 (two hours) in the account. A statement of account will be provided to the parents from time to time and Dr. Thorpe shall advise in advance when a further retainer is required. If the above terms are not satisfied, Dr. Thorpe will postpone all services until the retainer terms are met. Non-payment of fees shall be grounds for the resignation of Dr. Thorpe

POLICIES

7. Appointments cancelled without at least 48 (forty-eight) hours advance notice may be charged at full fee independent of the reason for the cancellation. Monday and Tuesday appointments must be cancelled by 5:00 p.m. on the previous Friday. The parents will each be responsible for bills arising from his/her own cancellation with insufficient notice and/or failure to attend a scheduled appointment.
8. It is not standard practice to tape (video/audio) sessions as Dr. Thorpe takes notes during each interview session. **Taping is not allowed.** Should this occur, Dr. Thorpe will have the option of terminating the therapy process.
9. Additional intake paperwork will need to be filled out including the Telehealth Form, in case we use the zoom option.

My signature on this page indicates that I have read these provisions and agree to them.

Mother

Date

Father

Date