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CHILD AND FAMILY INVESTIGATOR AGREEMENT

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Pursuant to Section 14-10-116.5 Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), I have recently been court appointed Child and Family Investigator (CFI) for your child(ren) in a divorce or post divorce action, whichever is applicable. In that role I will conduct a timely and efficient investigation of your family using multiple parent interviews, brief observation of parent/child interactions, child interviews (when appropriate) and other sources of data including interviews with other parties needed to accomplish my task. As the CFI, I determine who will be contacted from collateral sources provided by the parents. I will also review pertinent documents such as emails, court pleadings, school records, etc.

Each parent will meet individually with the CFI. Depending on the information gathered in the initial meetings, additional interviews, joint parent meetings, parent-child observations, etc. will be scheduled as determined by the CFI. Subsequent interviews will generally involve CFI contact with your child(ren). Other information gathering, including telephone contact with other professionals, psychological assessment, etc. will be undertaken based on the court ordered delineation of the issues to be investigated or as determined by the CFI.

As the CFI I will investigate family conflict management and problem solving skills and assist you by recommending a family-specific parenting plan and decision-making procedure. As the CFI, I do not provide formal mediation. The CFI process is orderly and does not involve interim recommendations. The CFI process is designed to help you appreciate your child's developmental position and future needs based on development. I may recommend alternative dispute resolution mechanism, which you can use in the future. **Emergency or after hour services are not offered under this agreement.**

At the end of the initial data gathering process described above, I will determine if additional investigation is necessary in order to render an opinion. After all necessary CFI work has been accomplished, I will prepare a brief report and file it with the court. Each parent will be provided with feedback concerning the content of the report. My primary goal is to arrive at a set of systematically derived parenting time, decision-making and other family-specific recommendations which are practical for your family and allow for the increased probability of healthy child(ren) development.

CFI work includes the collection of multi-source information concerning your family. CFI recommendations involve predictions of the best outcome for your child(ren). The basis for the report conclusions include: knowledge of the research and professional literature in various areas related to divorce, family specific information, and accumulated knowledge and experience from twenty-five plus years of working with divorcing and divorced families.

CFI work with you and your family is not psychotherapy and is not confidential within the CFI process. Data obtained from additional sources is not confidential within the CFI process. Information concerning the CFI's professional qualifications is available in the office. You will be provided with a mandatory disclosure form and a privacy policy to review and sign.

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CONTRACT FOR SERVICE**

I have reviewed the **Child and Family Investigator Agreement**, the **Client's Rights** and **HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices** (mandatory disclosure) documents, Columbine Counseling Center **To Clients** statement, **Center Policy as Regards Release of Client Files** and **Policy for Court Appearances**. I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures set forth in these documents. The retainer amount for Child and Family Investigator Service is \$3,500.00.

I agree to pay my portion of the cost associated with the Child and Family Investigator report in full, by certified funds, prior to the release of the report. I further understand that I am responsible for \$_____ advance payment for services. This initial fee is non-refundable. I understand that I will pay _____% on any additional fees when billed, within ten (10) days of receipt of the bill. The CFI will cease work if payments are not made in a timely fashion. The CFI reserves the right to withhold release of the CFI report until all payments are made in full. Late payment will be assessed at 1.5 % per month. I understand the hourly rate of this service to be \$175.00. Any additional agreement concerning finances will be made in writing.

The CFI reserves the right to request that the court assign fees based on the actions of either party. Should a parent request significant time with the CFI, or request that the CFI read certain documents, etc., that parent may be assessed additional fees at the hourly rate as determined by the court.

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Date

Mother (or Guardian)

Date

Father (or Guardian)

Date

(Additional Party)

Date

(Additional Party)

Date