

# WHAT'S BEST FOR KIDS

## Parenting Facilitation Fees

One of the ways practitioners maintain neutrality is by assuring that fee payments are not based on a particular recommendation or final outcome. Therefore, all fees are due and payable in advance as a retainer, and are non-refundable.

WBFK Retainer and Fees: All fees are based on a rate of \$130 per 45-minute time frame. This includes all sessions, review of any and all documents, records-management, correspondences, phone contact. email, legal expenses and consultation with other service providers.

The total initial non-refundable retainer is \$1500, typically split 50/50 between the two parents unless decided otherwise by agreement of the parties or by the judge. Once the retainer is depleted to a level below 15% of the original amount, the parties will be notified to replenish the retainer. If either party is late replenishing the retainer, services will be suspended until the retainer is replenished.

Other Fees: Each party is responsible for any fees for production of third party records or other information or data related to services. Costs for copying of records and other administrative costs will be deducted from the retainer. Time in these tasks are billed at the standard rate of \$130 per 45-minute time-frame, or \$44 per 15-minute period. Also, cancellations of any appointment with less than two business days' notice will result in the canceling party being billed the entire service fee. RETURNED CHECKS will be charged the maximum fee allowable under the law. If a check is returned, the party will no longer be permitted to pay by check.

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Billing: With the exception of individual sessions, charges for the service will be divided equally between the two parties unless we receive a signed copy of the divorce decree or order from the court stating otherwise. If the judge's order to participate in parenting facilitation stipulates that only one parent is financially responsible and the other parent cancels late, THE CANCELING PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT CHARGE.

Certain situations may occur whereby the parenting facilitator deems it appropriate to charge only one parent for a specific fee. This determination is solely at the discretion of the facilitator.

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Court Appearances: For any requested appearance, subpoenaed appearance, settlement conference or deposition, the party making the request is responsible for a fee, payable in at least one week in advance, of \$1200 per half-day consisting of four hours including travel-time to and from the facilitator's office. Additional hours will be billed at the rate of \$250 per hour. These fees will not be debited from the retainer. Failure to provide the fee as specified constitutes a release from the requested appearance.

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**PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM UNLESS YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND IT.**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Client signature \_\_\_\_\_

Client's printed name \_\_\_\_\_