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Hello,
Thank you for your inquiry regarding a Reunification Evaluation. Before moving forward, I would like to provide an overview of the purpose, structure, and limitations of this evaluation so you have a clear understanding of how this work is conducted.

Purpose – The Reunification Evaluation is designed to identify the services and supports needed to improve and restore contact between a child and a resisted or rejected parent. This is a court-involved, nonconfidential process intended to assist the Court, offer treatment considerations and recommendations related to reunification work, and support the family.

Scope & Limits – This is not a Parenting Plan Evaluation or Custody Evaluation. I do not make recommendations regarding custody or parenting time, and I do not have legal decision-making authority. The evaluation focuses solely on resist-refuse dynamics and clinically indicated next steps.

Records Review – Prior to meeting with the parents, relevant court orders, pleadings, prior evaluations, and other necessary records are provided via email by parents, attorneys, or other professionals involved in the case.

Evaluation Structure – The evaluation typically includes:

- Individual telehealth interviews with each parent (approximately 60 minutes each)
- In-person observations, approximately 30 minutes each, conducted in the following order:
    - Child(ren) with the preferred parent
    - Child(ren) individually with the Evaluator
    - Child(ren) with the resisted parent
- Collateral contact with attorneys, therapists, or other professionals when clinically indicated

Reporting – A written report is provided to parents and attorneys. The report is intended for adult and professional review and is not to be shared with the child(ren).

Confidentiality – This is a nonconfidential, court-involved service. Information obtained verbally or in writing may be subject to subpoena. Consents are required to allow communication with attorneys, the Guardian ad Litem (if applicable), and other professionals involved with the family.

Fees & Court Involvement – The flat fee for the Reunification Evaluation is **$2,300**, which includes records review, interviews, observations, collateral contact as clinically indicated, and the written report. Fees are due prior to the start of the evaluation. If I am subpoenaed to court, a separate court contract will be required. Court-related services are billed separately, and all court fees are nonrefundable and due in full prior to the scheduled hearing, as outlined in the court contract.

Next Step – Once this information has been reviewed, an initial phone call can be scheduled to discuss the case briefly, confirm appropriateness of services, and outline next steps.

Initial calls may be scheduled through the Client Portal: SimplePractice Client Portal: https://amy-sanford.clientsecure.me