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Reunification Intensive

What It Is

A Reunification Intensive is a structured therapeutic intervention for families in which contact between a parent and child has been disrupted or significantly strained. It provides an extended block of time for preparation, supported reintroduction, therapeutic work, breaks, and relationship-building.

The goal is not to resolve the entire relationship in one day. The goal is to complete a meaningful piece of therapeutic work and identify appropriate next steps.

When It May Be Appropriate

An intensive may be considered when the available information suggests that the family may be ready for reintroduction now or with limited preparation. It is not appropriate for every family.

Abuse concerns, intoxication or an ongoing substance-use problem, current protective orders, significant safety concerns, withheld information, or other factors affecting the family's ability to participate safely may indicate that a Reunification Evaluation or another service is more appropriate.

How the Process Works

- Referral: An attorney or Guardian ad litem may call or email to schedule an initial referral call.
- Prescreening: If the referral supports further consideration, each parent completes a Prescreening Form.
- Readiness Assessment: A separate assessment is completed before an intensive is scheduled.
- Clinical determination: The family may proceed to an intensive, may need preparation or other services first, or may be directed to an evaluation or another service.

IMPORTANT ROLE DISTINCTION

A Reunification Intensive is a therapeutic intervention, not a custody evaluation. I cannot serve as both evaluator and treating interventionist for the same family. Clinical decisions regarding readiness and safe participation remain within my professional judgment.

Fees

Intensive Readiness Assessment	$1,000
Updated Readiness Assessment, when needed	$300
Reunification Intensive	$1,000

Court preparation, travel, waiting, appearances, and testimony are billed separately at $200 per hour. A separate $600 nonrefundable subpoena fee applies.

HOW TO INITIATE SERVICES

Attorneys or Guardians ad litem may call or email with a referral for either a Reunification Evaluation or a Reunification Intensive.

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