
Alliance Counseling and Education Center

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Parenting Coordination Fees

One of the ways in which forensic practitioners maintain neutrality and ethical practice is by assuring that fee payment is not contingent on a particular recommendation or outcome. As such fees are due as an advance retainer.

Fees & Retainer: Fees are \$150.00 per hour, rounded to the nearest 15-minute increment. This includes all services including reviewing documentation, records management, meetings, correspondences, phone contact, email, legal expenses, and consultation with other family service providers.

A retainer equal to four (4) hours of service, or \$600.00 is due in advance from each of the parties. If one party is ordered to pay for all costs of service the initial retainer is \$1200.00. Payments may be charged against the retainer provided that the parties continue to fully replenish the retainer when billed. If a party is late in replenishing the retainer services may be suspended until such time as the retainer is replenished.

Other costs: Each of the parties will be responsible for any fees for production of third party records or other information related to services. Costs for copying of records and other administrative costs will be deducted from the retainer. Time in administrative tasks, including correspondence to parties, attorneys, or reports to the court, is billed at the standard hourly fee. Additionally cancellations of any appointment with less than 48 weekday (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) hours notice will result in the canceling party being billed the entire service fee. Returned checks will be charged the maximum fee allowable under law.

Billing: With the exception of individual sessions, charges for the service will be equally divided between the parents unless we are provided with a certified copy of the divorce decree or order that states otherwise. If the judge's order to participate in the program stipulates that only one parent is financially responsible and the other parent cancels without 48-hour notice, the canceling parent is responsible for that charge.

There may be other times when, similar to individual sessions, the Parenting Facilitator deems it appropriate to charge only one parent a particular fee. This determination is solely at the professional's discretion. Fees for phone calls will be billed to the parent who initiated the call unless otherwise directed in the order.

Court appearances: For any requested appearance, subpoenaed appearance, settlement conference, or deposition: \$250.00 per hour, with a minimum charge of three hours. Such fees are due at least one week before the scheduled appearance. Please note: if an appearance request is received without a minimum of one week notice the appearance fee is due immediately and there will be an additional \$250.00 express charge. Failure to provide the fee as specified constitutes release from the requested appearance.

Sincerely,

Kim England, LCSW