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PSYCHOLOGICAL & SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL TESTING

Psychological and Socio-Educational testing investigates (1) children's learning strengths and weaknesses and (2) assists in gaining understanding of social and emotional functioning that might interfere with academic progress. The tests are chosen for age appropriateness, language abilities, and emotional stressors.

- ◆ You and/or your child have the right to an explanation of the tests being administered and may decline participation at any time.
- ◆ You have the right to a summary (which may be either verbal or written) of any test results.
- ◆ You have the right to know how the results will be reported and recorded.

TESTING

Dr. Chavez will attempt to answer the questions that elicited this evaluation request through the use of a variety of standard psychological tests, these questions may address learning disabilities, academic functioning, personality functioning, and/or coping styles. Each test is selected for measurement of specific skills, abilities, or other attributes pertinent to the evaluation. Some tests compare your child to large samples of other children who have been given the same test. This comparison is intended to help you understand the extent to which your child has acquired or developed abilities compared to other children the same age.

The evaluation process generally involves a parent/caregiver informational interview followed by the administration of socio-educational and/or psychological tests. Dr. Chavez will meet with the child for two meetings, up to three hours at each meeting. Once testing is completed, the data will be analyzed, school/psychological records will be reviewed, collateral contact data gathered, and a report will be written.

The report will be completed within *three weeks* of the last collateral contact. If there is a specific deadline that must be met, Dr. Chavez will discuss this with you.

You will have the opportunity to meet (in person or telephone conference) with Dr. Chavez to discuss the testing results. Your child may have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Chavez for a summary of the report, depending on the child's age and purpose of the evaluation.

How will the results be used?

Results of individual tests are combined with other information (such as collateral information, teachers, social service agencies) before an evaluation report is completed. The test results will be viewed in relationship to one another and in context of your child's development. No single test result can answer important questions about your child's abilities. Dr. Chavez's report will be able to tell you what kind of a decision can be based on the information from each of the selected tests, and if your child has the same characteristics as those in the sample to which he/she will be compared.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

The information obtained in this evaluation report is confidential and will not be released to any person or organization without your written permission.

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The only exceptions to this policy are rare situations in which Dr. Chavez is required by law to release information with or without your permission. These are:

- 1) Evidence of physical and/or sexual abuse of children, or abuse to the elderly.
- 2) You or your child is in danger of harming self or another individual.
- 3) The records are subpoenaed by the court.
- 4) Patient-initiated litigation against the evaluator.

FEE AND PAYMENT POLICY:

The standard fee for an evaluation report is \$975 (excluding General Excise Tax), depending upon the time involved in administering, collateral information gathering, and interpretation of the tests. The fee may be adjusted at times depending upon the purpose of the evaluation report and the testing required for completion of the evaluation report.

Payment is due at the initial appointment **. Questions concerning the fee or the payment policy should be discussed with Dr. Chavez prior to the evaluation report process.

FEE \$975.00
 39.00 + General Excise Tax
 \$ 1,014.00

AGREEMENT:

I have read the above material, and I fully understand my rights and obligations. I freely agree to the psychological testing and evaluation report of (myself / child).

Name of Client

Signature (Client or parent/legal guardian)

Date

Deborah Chavez, PhD, MFT

Date