



FORENSIC COUNSELING SERVICES SUPERVISED VISITATION 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

Responsibility for fees (100% to one party, 50/50 split, or other arrangements) should be specifically addressed in the court order or agreement for services. Current fees are as follows:

Registration - \$50.00 per party

Basic Staff Supervision - \$50.00 per hour

Supervision by the Program Director - \$150.00 per hour

Administrative Activity (orientation, correspondence, etc) - \$100.00 per hour

Court Testimony per staff member, 3 hour minimum charge - \$250.00 hour

Failure to Attend Fee - \$50.00

Community Based Supervision Payment for mileage for visitation in settings other than office-0.55 per mile and staff rate will be \$60.00/\$160.00 per hour

The registration fee should be submitted along with the other required intake documents and is required before scheduling the intake appointment. A retainer equal to one months worth of services or \$300.00 (whichever is greater) is due in advance from each of the parties. The initial retainer if one party is ordered to pay for all costs of service is \$600.00. Payments may be charged against the retainer provided that the parties continue to fully replenish the retainer when billed.

Payment should be made in the form of check or money order made out to South Texas Counseling Agency and mailed to 1544 W Dove Ave McAllen, TX 78504 W. Dove Ave., McAllen, Texas 78504. Returned checks will be charged a fee of \$30.00. If a party is late in replenishing the retainer or if the retainer ever falls below the two hours of services supervised visitation may be suspended until such time as the retainer is replenished.

Fees for court appearance or deposition 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 request appearance.

STCA Discounted/Sliding Fee Application

Discounts are offered based upon family/household size and annual income. Applications are available at STCA. Please inquire at the front desk if you have any questions.

Please note: We encourage parents to avoid the cost of staff appearances by planning ahead to have records submitted via a business records affidavit. Our staff are not forensic evaluators and will not offer opinions regarding whether the parent-child contact should continue to be supervised or not, or on the subjective quality of the parent-child interactions. Any feedback offered during the course of supervision relates to addressing issues related to supervision. Our primary focus in this regard is on compliance with supervision. Our primary focus in this regard is on compliance with supervision guidelines in order to insure the emotional and physical safety of the children involved.