

# FAQ's

## **How long does it take?**

Voice of the Child Report is a short-term service comprising of an intake session with each parent and two interviews with each child. Typically, the service is completed in a month, depending on the situation.

## **What if the child does not want to speak?**

The practitioner informs the child of the purpose of the meetings, who the information will be shared with and how. The practitioner seeks consent from each child. A child can refuse and the refusal to share information must be respected. If the child consents to the meetings, the child determines what information from the meetings is shared with the parents. Most children appreciate having an opportunity to be heard and it is in their best interests to be heard. The children are made aware that the parents make the final decisions, not the children.

## **Can the Report be used in Court?**

Yes, as long as everyone consented to this up front that it may be entered into Court. That includes the children. You should seek legal advice about the use of these reports in Court.

## **Are recommendations made by the Voice of the Child Report practitioner?**

No. These reports are non-evaluative and do not include recommendations or information from collateral resources. If you need recommendations for parenting outcomes, you may need to seek a Parenting Plan Assessment.

## **How long are the sessions?**

Sessions are typically 1- 1.5 hours long depending on the needs of the family and the situation.

## **Cost?**

Please see our separate page for costs.

## **Do we get our money back if we stop the process?**

No, there is no refund at any point of the program. If one parent decides to stop the process, we will not be refunding anyone. Also, if children come into their session and refuse to say anything, we would not refund the session.

## **One of my children does not want to participate. Can we still participate with my other child?**

Yes, if that child agrees, you can still participate but the report will only be done for the child that has provided consent.

## **Who should bring the child to the interviews?**

One parent/guardian is asked to bring the child to one interview, and the other parent/guardian is asked to bring the child to the second interview. Both parents will bring the child once.

## **Can more than one child be interviewed at the same time?**

No each child is interviewed separately.

## **The last session is just a review of the report. Do both parents need to attend?**

Yes, we would like both parents to attend and hear what the child/children have said.

## **Are you offering this program remotely?**

Yes, we are able to offer this program remotely. But children will need to be in a safe space where they can freely be able to share their "voice".