

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Thank you for asking us to consider serving your child's special needs.

We are a psychiatrically supervised service at 573 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa 95405. We are hosted by the Kiwi Preschool and work within their premises. Your child must be accepted by the Kiwi Preschool (call Michele or Huia for an appointment) and are responsible to them for tuition. Preschool tuition *does not* cover initial evaluation or treatment.

The charge for our 90 minute initial evaluation of your child's special needs is as follows:

Income Level Fees

Over \$100,000/year — \$ 250
\$100,000/year and below — \$ 200
\$70,000/year and below \$ 125
\$40,000/year and below — \$75

Please be ready to make payment in the form of a check to The Children's Psychological Health Center, Inc. Credit Cards are not accepted. If requesting consideration for reduced cost evaluation fees, please bring a copy of your most recent income tax or pay stub.

We do not automatically accept applications for immediate onset of free mental health treatment or free evaluations. From time to time we do accept such evaluations and treatment tasks on a reduced fee basis and only after careful consideration of whether it is appropriate for our nonprofit agency to subsidize the costs of your child's evaluation or treatment.

If you wish, we can place your child on a waiting list for reduced cost evaluation and/or treatment.

Parents desiring waiting list status should submit a copy of latest income tax return so we can determine if their child is eligible for the waiting list for reduced cost evaluation and treatment.

Some insurers, including Medi-Cal, and some school systems will pay for some evaluation and/or treatment by mental health practitioners, but we do not rely on the compliance of those insurers with the law. Often there is in our opinion an actual resistance to mental health parity by insurers. Often school systems spend vital years of a child's development disputing that he needs help beyond their own facilities, in order to receive a federally required inclusive or appropriate education.

Please look through our application package and complete all forms and questionnaires. Before you come to an appointment with our mental health staff, please be sure all forms and tests have been submitted. Give your child the advantage of submitting information from referral sources, school records, IME, pediatric records, and any previous evaluations as well.

Sincerely,

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