

Evaluations for Family Court

Custody and Visitation: These evaluations are requested when there is a dispute over custody of children and the matter is not resolved through mediation. The court would like psychological evaluations of the relevant parties. The primary purpose of the evaluation is to provide information related to mental health diagnoses, treatment recommendations, and psychosocial factors that are relevant to the custody dispute. The evaluation will sometimes provide an opinion concerning who should have primary responsibility for care (custody) and under what circumstances and at what time visits by the non-custodial parent (visitation) should occur. The Juvenile Section of the Medical Services Division may perform these evaluations when the children are under ten years old or have special needs.

Referral process: Please send the court order and Adoption/Custody/Visitation Evaluation form directly to the Medical Services Division. They may also be faxed or hand delivered to the Medical Services office. The fax number is (410) 625-2766. *Please note:* This is not a referral to the Supervised Visitation Program, which is accessed by the Supervised Visitation Program with a Court Order.