

## CONSENT AGREEMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED

The following document signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**BY:**

Leanne Toews, MA, RCC, HTC

(the "Interviewer")

**WITH:**

(the "Interviewee(s)")

**WHEREBY CONSENT & AGREEMENT IS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Interviewee(s) who is/are over the age of 12 as of the above date understand(s) what consent is, and have provided it to the Interviewer to take part in a session describing their parent(s) separation/divorce proceedings, home life, living arrangements, activities, and anything pertaining to the aforementioned.
2. The Interviewee understands that the Interviewer is, and will remain, a neutral and impartial party to any litigation, access or custody hearing, or related court proceeding, and will listen to the views of the child(ren) to report back to the Parents and the court/legal counsel to assist them in making decisions about the child(ren). Hearing the view of the child(ren) is voluntary, unless a court orders otherwise. The child(ren) must agree to share their views. They will not be forced to share them. The views of the child(ren) will be put into writing, verbatim.
3. The Interviewee understands that the Interviewer is free to share the views of the child(ren) and corresponding report with: a lawyer for any party, the court, and a lawyer for a child(ren) (if applicable), but all parties agree that the information will only be shared if the receiving party keeps the information confidential. All parties agree to keep the child(ren) views confidential and between themselves, unless the child(ren) consent otherwise.

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4. The Interviewee understands that the Interviewer will meet with the child(ren) alone, or with a neutral party who may act as an observer. The neutral party can be selected with the agreement of the parties, or the Interviewer will arrange for one. The neutral party who attends the interview must keep the interview discussions confidential.

5. The Interviewee agrees that the parent(s) and/or lawyers or external parties have only told them about the interview, and have not told them what to say.

**THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND CORRESPONDING SIGNATURES BELOW INDICATE CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR A CHILD OVER THE AGE OF 12.**

the "Interviewee"

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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the "Interviewee"

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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