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APPLICATION FOR FRIEND OF THE COURT FUNDING

Families requesting funding assistance from the Friend of the Court for counseling, supervised visitation, supervised exchanges or parenting classes that have been recommended or ordered by the Court or that directly relate to family dynamic problems created as a result of the parents living in separate households first need to investigate whether private insurance is available to provide for these expenses.

If private insurance is not available, an application for FOC assistance may be made. Further, if co-payments or deductibles could result in financial hardship, an application for assistance may be made.

The Court will apply the following criteria in determining one's eligibility for funding assistance:

- If a family has no private insurance available and is within 200% of the current poverty index, request for funding can be approved. The cap per family is \$500.00
- If a family has private insurance available and the co-payments or deductible could result in financial hardship and the family income is within 150% of the current poverty index, request for funding can be approved. The cap per family is \$500.00

Parents will be responsible for the balance of their own counseling costs if they have individual sessions with the counselor. Further, any request for funding for services that have not been court ordered or recommended needs to have a statement from the counselor attached indicating the need for and anticipated scope of such counseling.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2014

2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person.	
1	\$12,490
2	\$16,910
3	\$21,330
4	\$25,750
5	\$30,170
6	\$34,590
7	\$39,010
8	\$43,430

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Case/file number: _____

County: _____

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's address and phone number: _____

For what services are funds being requested?

Counseling: _____ Name and address of provider: _____

Parenting Classes: _____ Name of provider: _____

Supervised visits: _____ Supervised exchanges: _____

Is there a court order requiring supervised visits or supervised exchanges? _____

What is the expected duration of the services? _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FINANCIAL SCHEDULE

ANY FUNDS APPROVED WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE AGENCY AFTER THE FRIEND OF THE COURT HAS RECEIVED A BILL. ADDITIONALLY, A COPY OF ANY REPORT GENERATED BY THE AGENCY ABOUT THE SERVICES PROVIDED MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT AND A RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED ALLOWING THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, THE CIRCUIT COURT REFEREE AND/OR THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THE AGENCY IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

