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Psychological Testing for Children – Answers to Parents Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is Psychological Testing?

Psychological testing, or evaluation, is a series of tests that are used by Psychologists to assess your child’s abilities and overall functioning. The evaluation pinpoints your child’s specific needs, as well as, their areas of greatest potential. The evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of their developmental, educational, vocational, social and emotional needs. It is designed to gather information, and formulate recommendations, that will support your child in their daily life and functioning.

2) Why should someone be tested?

Referrals for testing are typically made by schools, parents, or pediatricians. A referral is made when it is unclear how to best understand your child’s learning and/or psychological difficulties.

Common reasons for referrals include:

- To gaining a better understanding of intellectual functioning and potential.
- To identify learning styles and/or learning challenges.
- To clarify a diagnosis when complex symptoms and behaviors are present.
- To assess for giftedness, developmental delays or Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- To identify the underlying factors that are impacting your child’s functioning. Including their interpersonal relationships, motivation, abilities at school or work, social-emotional challenges and managing impulses or behavior.

3) How much will testing cost?

Psychological testing involves administration, scoring, and interpretation of tests by a trained Psychologist. It requires the Psychologist to prepare a written report and meet with parents to review results. The cost for a full assessment is determined by the total number of hours required by the Psychologist to complete the full evaluation process, which is offered at a rate of \$200/hour.

4) Is testing covered by insurance?

Jewish Family Service accepts many insurance plans. However, not all insurance companies cover psychological testing. It is recommended that you call your insurance provider to inquire.

When you call your insurance company, be sure to ask:

- Is the cost of psychological testing covered?
- Is a referral needed from a primary care doctor or other physician?
- Is pre-authorization from a primary care doctor required?
- What is the deductible I have to pay?
- What portion will be reimbursed by the insurance company?

5) How long will testing take?

Testing will take approximately four weeks to complete. This includes; an initial meeting with the Psychologist to gather information and determine the appropriate tests to be used, approximately two testing sessions (more or less depending on the tests needed), and a feedback session where the Psychologist will review the report with you and answer any questions you may have. The time required to complete testing depends on several factors including: what tests are being given, the ability level of the child being tested, and how quickly you return parent and teacher evaluation forms. A concrete time-line will be determined on a case-by-case basis at your initial meeting with the Psychologist.

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