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**Intensive Peer Mentoring:
Agreement to Serve as a Peer Mentor and Case
Consultant in Family Law Psychology**

An agreement between Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D.,
d.b.a., Family Law Consulting, P.L.L.C., and:

Participant1 name
Contact information

Participant2 name
Contact information

Participant3 name
Contact information

This agreement is effective as of [date]

The intersection of family law process and psychological practice can be a challenging, rewarding and high risk setting for mental health professionals intent on serving the needs of children. I applaud your commitment to work in this area. I welcome the opportunity to work with you in support of your professional development and practice subject to the terms of this agreement.

Please read this agreement through in full. Your initials at the bottom of each page and your signature on the last page indicate that you understand and accept the conditions under which we will work together in Intensive Peer Mentoring. Please reach me directly with questions at any time.

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1. I am a New Hampshire (USA) licensed psychologist, parenting coordinator, consultant to courts across North America, and a former Guardian *ad litem*. Please request a copy of my curriculum vitae or access it directly via www.FamilyLawConsulting.org.
2. In the role of peer mentor and case consultant, I will provide the following:
 - (a) Direct one-on-one or small group education: I will conduct three consecutive four-hour tutorials on subjects in family law psychology that we might agree upon such as the conduct of child-centered family evaluations (a.k.a., custody evaluations), the conduct of parenting capacity and/or attachment evaluations, data collection, organization, report construction, deposition, consultation to counsel, and/or testimony.

Please initial indicating your
understanding and agreement

- (b) Syllabus: I will prepare and provide you with an extensive syllabus appropriate to our intended contact including current empirical research, case law precedents, (sanitized) sample reports, and relevant questionnaires and evaluative tools. I will provide this syllabus either on paper in the form of a binder and/or via email in pdf format. I will provide these materials well in advance of our planned meetings with the expectation that you will familiarize yourself with its content so as to facilitate our in-person exchange.
 - (c) Case Consultation: Upon completion of the educational component of this process, I will be available on an *ad hoc* basis subject to scheduling limitations to provide brief consultation regarding specific cases for a period of up to six months at no additional fee. "Brief consultation" means that I will discuss case-related material with you via email and/or scheduled phone (or other media) calls for up to one hour per month. I will review and critique data and/or (draft) reports and/or deposition or trial transcripts. I will research and provide you with relevant empirical literature. In every instance, you will be wholly responsible to protect the confidences and/or privilege and to abide by all court orders relevant to the release of such data.
 - (d) Books: I provide you with copies of two of my books relevant to our chosen subjects at no additional charge.
3. As a participant in this process, you are responsible to:
- (a) Provide me with contact information so as to receive advance materials via physical delivery and/or e-mail.
 - (b) Review materials delivered to your attention in advance of the educational component ("homework").
 - (c) Assure that all case-specific materials, even those sanitized of identifying information, are maintained in a manner consistent with HIPAA, guild-specific standards, and relevant ethics so as to protect the privacy and dignity of those involved. None of these materials may be shared with, copied for, or otherwise transmitted to any other party without my explicit advance consent.
 - (d) Pay the costs detailed below.
 - (e) Make every reasonable effort to be prepared and punctual for our scheduled meetings.
 - (f) Maintain adequate licensure, certification and any other qualifications mandated by and appropriate to the jurisdictions in which you practice and the guild(s) with which you affiliate.
 - (g) Maintain adequate professional liability insurance and accept full and complete liability for your own professional actions at all times.
 - (h) Release Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D., Family Law Consulting, P.L.L.C., and HealthyParent.com of any responsibility for your professional conduct in any setting at any time.
 - (i) Arrange for your own transportation, housing and meals while you participate in the educational component.

For your information: Both the Hampton Inn (407 Amherst St, Nashua, NH 03063 [603] 883-5333) and the Crown Plaza Hotel (2 Somerset Pkwy, Nashua, NH 03063 [603] 886-1200) are within walking distance of my office. There are several casual restaurants and a grocery store within the same radius.

4. As peer mentor and case consultant, I cannot and will not be held liable for your professional actions. Peer mentoring and case consultation is not supervision.
5. Scheduling: We have agreed upon three consecutive days during which we will meet face-to-face for four-hours each day. These days will be:

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Date 1
Date 2
Date 3

- (a) By default, these meetings will be conducted in my Nashua, New Hampshire, office. Providing this service in other locations will incur additional costs associated with my room, boarding, travel and office arrangements.
 - (b) Funding is due in full at least one month in advance of these scheduled meetings so as to allow for advance delivery of preliminary materials (“homework”). The volume, nature and content of these materials will be determined as a function of the topics we agree in advance to cover in the educational component of this service (e.g., custody evaluation, attachment theory in forensic assessment, parenting capacity). These may be delivered via physical means (FedEx or the United States Postal Service) or as pdf documents via email.
 - (c) By default, meetings will be scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to noon each day with the intent that you will be free to review additional materials in the afternoon and evening and/or to enjoy Nashua and its proximity to beaches, mountains, lakes and Boston as you see fit.
 - (d) Schedules and circumstances permitting, I will host a barbeque or similar informal evening event on the last evening of the educational component.
 - (e) I will be as flexible as I can in response to last minute schedule changes and emergent circumstances. You may rescind your commitment to participate in this process at any time up to one month in advance of the first scheduled date of meeting and receive a full reimbursement of funds received to date. Schedule changes made between one month and one week of the date of service will incur no penalty but funds will be held in anticipation of rescheduling the service within twelve months and forfeited thereafter if not applied. Schedule changes of one week (seven nights) or less may incur partial or full costs at my sole discretion as a function of the circumstance and my opportunity to fill the vacated hours
6. **Costs:** Costs are determined in part by the number of participants in the educational component, as follows. Unless agreed in advance, no more than three participants will be included at any one time. In every instance, costs are due in full at least one month in advance of the scheduled service. Payment is acceptable by check or credit card.
- (a) One participant will be charged six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).
 - (b) Two participants will be charged seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) in total, costs to be divided among participants at participant discretion.
 - (c) Three participants will be charged eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) in total, costs to be divided among participants at participant discretion.
7. Your participation in this peer mentoring and case consultation process is entirely voluntary. The educational component of this process is not presently endorsed for continuing education credits by any licensing agency and may not fulfill the requirements of any educational institution or licensing board. Your completion of the educational component may be recorded and referenced upon completion as “Family Law Consulting, P.L.L.C., Intensive Peer Mentoring in family law psychology (12 hours).”

Please initial indicating your understanding and agreement

In anticipation of our work together in the best interests of the children and families that we serve, I am,

Respectfully,

Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D.
New Hampshire Licensed Psychologist

I have read the foregoing. I understand and accept the conditions under which Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D., will provide peer mentoring and case consultation.

Please Print Your Name in Full

Your Day and Evening Phone Numbers

Please print your complete mailing address

City and State

Your Signature

Today's Date

Please initial indicating your understanding and agreement