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**Information sheet: Encounter Session**

12 January 2015. Revised 14 May 2018, 26 March 2021

**Purpose:**

This session is designed to educate alienating parties (AP's), target parents (TP's), relevant professionals, extended family and friends about the effects and outcomes of parental alienation on a child.

**Who should attend:**

- Biological parents, step-parents, guardians
- Extended family members who have an interest in the child
- Caregivers, foster parents, social workers (if applicable)
- Partners of parents
- any other person ordered by the Court or agreed by both the AP's and the TP's.

**Who should not attend:**

- The child(ren) and
- any person that is not willing to abide by the rules of the session

**Who may also attend:**

- Therapists or other professional involved with the family – as agreed by both the AP's and the TP's
- Encounter witness or trainee as requested by the presenting professional.

**NB.**

This program is now also presented on-line via Zoom, Skype or other media and the procedures, as designed for direct contact, may change.

Parents attending an on-line session must have their webcams on at all time and the audio muted except if invited by the presenter to unmute.

**Rules of Encounter Session:**

1. If possible, the presenter should not be able to identify the AP's and the TP's.
2. No remarks, accusations, negative comments, or disparaging allowed by any party.
3. Any person not obeying the rules will be asked to leave the session immediately.
4. Mobile phones should be switched off.

5. Everyone attending should be sober.
6. Venue and other costs must be paid at least 2 days before the session.
7. The presenter, on the advice of a professional or encounter witness or trainee, may cancel or suspend the session.
8. The presenter and/or other witness or professional attending may make notes and present them to the court or other relevant authority if applicable.

**Program:** (Estimated 3 hours)

1. Register (taken by encounter witness or trainee)
2. Name tags made up and pinned on
3. Rules again explained by encounter witness or trainee
4. An agreement signed by those attending
5. The presenter then enters the room. Introduces him/her self
6. Brief summary of parental alienation
7. Brief summary of toxic separation
8. Brief summary of sadistic action
9. 300 words (Judge Haas)
10. Known effects and outcomes for the child
11. Known effects and outcomes for the target parent(s)
12. Known effects and outcomes for the alienating party(s)
13. Love, charity and hate
14. Offences
15. Civil actions
16. Help available to rehabilitate
17. Examples
18. Open floor
19. Closing

**Booking and cost:**

Enquiries to your certified counsellor or supporting organisation regarding cost and scheduled sessions.

If attendance is ordered by the court, a scanned copy of the order should be supplied

If attendance is by mutual agreement, a copy of the agreement should be supplied

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