

Important Family Court Services FEE ANNOUNCEMENT Effective March 16, 2009

The Family Court Services fee for screenings and evaluations and testimony is \$160 per hour.

How much are the fees?

The total fees for each service will depend on how long the services take. Each party must pay a deposit for each service. The deposits are listed below:

Screenings:	\$250 deposit due from each party
Evaluations:	\$750 deposit due from each party

If the services do not cost as much as your deposit, you will be refunded the unused portion of the deposit. If the services cost more than the deposit, you will be responsible for paying the balance.

Who pays?

Fees are generally shared equally unless a judge decides otherwise.

How much does it cost when I subpoena Family Court Services?

- \$150 per day deposit for an appearance subpoena paid by the requesting party per California Government Code §68096.1(b)
- \$15 fee for a subpoena for records per California Evidence Code §1563(b)(6)

What if I cannot afford to pay the fees?

If you cannot afford the deposit, per Family Code §3112 you may submit an *Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* for the deposit. You may be asked to provide documents that verify information on the application. The judge will decide if you qualify.

THE APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FCS WITHIN FIVE (5) COURT DAYS OF THE FIRST DAY OF A SCREENING OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF AN EVALUATION. OTHERWISE, YOU WILL OWE THE ENTIRE AMOUNT.

If you are billed for additional fees by the Department of Revenue (DOR) after a Screening or Evaluation has been completed and cannot afford to pay this additional amount, you must submit another *Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs*. You must do this within 30 days of receiving the bill. If you do not submit a new *Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* within 30 days, you will owe the entire amount.

Submit completed *Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* to:
Family Court Services, 191 North First St., San Jose, CA 95113.