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INFORMATION ABOUT DR. KING'S PROCEDURES
WITH YOUNG CHILD THERAPY PATIENTS

How Does Dr. King Identify Problems and Possible Causes

Dr. King gathers information about your child's developmental, medical, social, and family history, and about the behaviors of concern. This comes from forms filled out by parents/guardians before the first appointment and from interviews during the first appointment. Sometimes, Dr. King will also ask parents/guardians and teachers to fill out behavior checklists and she may ask for school records.

How are Problems Addressed

Most of Dr. King's time is spent working with children with parents/guardians present. Dr. King and the parents/guardians work as a team. Solutions to problems are discussed and are carried out by the parents/guardians in the home and community.

Some parents/guardians believe their child should meet privately with Dr. King. They believe their child may share information with Dr. King if he or she is alone with her that they might not share otherwise. They believe counseling with their child might bring about changes in the child's feelings and behavior. This is sometimes true and Dr. King may spend some time meeting alone with your child. However, if you prefer a therapist who plans to meet with your child alone as a general rule, you may wish to seek a different therapist.

Are the Children Always Present

Some parents/guardians are uncomfortable discussing their child's problems in front of the child, especially at the beginning of treatment. Sometimes, it may be advisable to meet with Dr. King without the child present. If you wish to meet privately with Dr. King for a portion of the appointment, **please bring another adult to sit with your child in the waiting area since children under the age of 18 may not be left unattended in the waiting area.**

What about Siblings

Other children, such as siblings, will not be allowed in the therapy session unless you and Dr. King make plans in advance for therapy to take place with the sibling present. Since children may not be left unaccompanied in the waiting area and since you will typically be involved in therapy with your child, please bring an adult to sit in the waiting area with other children if you bring them with you.

Exceptions are made for infants, who may be brought into the therapy session by the parent/guardian. However, this would not include babies who are crawling.

The reasons for these policies include child safety, ensuring that therapy is effective for the participants, and liability issues.

Printed name of patient

Date of birth

Printed name of parent/guardian

Signature of parent/guardian

Date signed