

# Children's Neuropsychological Services, PLLC

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## About the Comprehensive Autism Spectrum Evaluation

You may be wondering about the evaluation process; how long it takes, how you should prepare, and when you can expect to have a final written report. The following will answer most of your questions. Feel free to call us if you have more questions.

There are usually four sessions all together; an initial interview with the caregiver(s) – 1 hour; for school age children, an observation of the child in the school setting and meeting with teachers – 2 hours; an office appointment with the child for evaluation of social communication and interaction skills (play and other interactive activities), and cognitive testing – total of 2 to 3 hours with breaks as needed; a feedback session during which results, conclusions and recommendations are conveyed – 1 hour. A written report to follow.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE DAY OF THE EVALUATION:**

- 1) Our office is located on the Second Floor. Check in with the receptionist. Dr. Zuffante or Dr. Labarge will come out to greet you.
- 2) If your child wears glasses for reading, please bring them.
- 3) Please bring completed forms and any additional records to the initial appointment
- 4) Please make *copies* of your records (prior evaluations, medical records) before coming to your first appointment. Do not give the originals to Dr. Zuffante.
- 5) If you have a young child and you wish to speak to Dr. Zuffante without your child present, please bring child care with you, as there is no child care available in the facility.
- 6) You will be asked to leave the room during testing, so you may want to bring something to keep yourself occupied during that time.
- 7) Plan to be with your child for the lunch break, if one is scheduled.
- 8) Please make an effort to have both parents attend the initial interview and the feedback session. Only one parent needs to attend the testing sessions. If you feel comfortable leaving your child, you can actually leave the building during the testing, but you need to leave a cell phone number so we can contact you.
- 9) You may want to bring a sweater or jacket for your child as it sometimes gets cold in the office.

Thank you for seeking our services. We look forward to working with you and your child.