

Children's Neuropsychological Services, PLLC

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About the Neuropsychological 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.

The length of the evaluation depends on the age of the child and the nature of his or her difficulties. A comprehensive evaluation usually requires 7 to 8 hours of face to face time. The first appointment is a 30 to 60 minute interview with the primary caregiver(s). Testing may take 2 to 6 hours, depending on the age and nature of the concerns. For young children or children with very limited attention spans, the evaluation may take place across two or three shorter sessions. For older children we can usually complete testing in one or 2 days. Breaks will be taken as needed and for full day evaluations, a lunch break will be scheduled sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will schedule a 1 hour feedback session for approximately two weeks after testing is completed. During the feedback session, Dr. Zuffante or Dr. Labarge will go over the results and recommendations. We will mail you a full written report after the final session.

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 us the originals.
- 5) If you have a young child and you wish to speak to Dr. Zuffante or Dr. Labarge 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) For full day appointments, plan to be with your child for the one hour lunch break.
- 8) Please make an effort to have both parents attend the initial interview (1 hour) and the feedback session (1 hour). 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 and be back for lunch.
- 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.