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A Child Specialist is Someone Who . . .

Is . . .

- a Registered Psychologist or Registered Social Worker
- licensed in their profession in Alberta
- has specific training, knowledge and experience in child development
- trained in Collaborative Practice
- a member of a non-profit Collaborative Practice group or association

Will . . .

Gather neutral information about your child through

- meetings with both parents
- consultation with Collaborative Team members
- input from other sources (teachers, counselors, other caregivers)
- meetings with your child when appropriate

Consider your child's

- development issues
- temperament and their relationships with family members
- interests and supports beyond your family
- reactions to family changes
- current and possible future needs and concerns

Provides resources and support for. . .

Both parents by

- increasing your awareness of the needs of your child as you go through your divorce
- providing information to you so your child's adjustment to your divorce and continued healthy development is supported

Your child by

- speaking for your child to voice perceptions and concerns about the divorce
- being an independent advocate for your child
- listening to your child
- evaluating your child's responses to the changes associated with divorce
- answering your child's questions about divorce and giving a neutral explanation of divorce

- sharing your child's perceptions and concerns about your divorce
- being an independent advocate for your child

The Collaborative Team by

- providing information that will help you and your spouse develop a parenting plan
- increasing awareness of future challenges and needs of your child within a context of child development

Does Not . . .

- act as a therapist for your child or either parent
- pass judgement on the adequacy of either parent

Is hired by you and your spouse ...

to help your child have the best possible present and future.

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