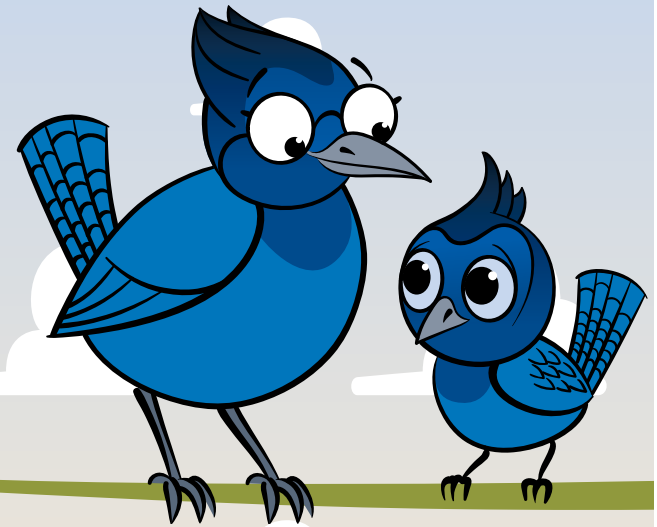
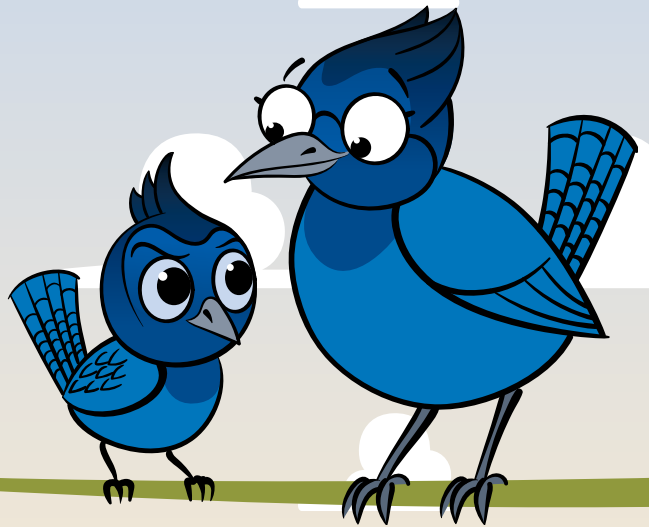


FAMILY JUSTICE CENTRES



Hi, my name is

I look forward to meeting you.

Will I have to make any decisions or choose between my parents?

No, your parents are responsible for deciding where you will live and how you will spend time with each of them. However, they want to hear about what you like and don't like so that they can consider your wishes.

How will I get to my meeting with the Family Justice Counsellor?

Usually meetings are in my office. You may be brought to the meeting by one of your parents, or they may arrange a friend or relative to bring you.



I am the Family Justice Counsellor helping your parents make parenting decisions.

Your parents have asked me to meet with you to talk about what is important to you.

I would like to answer some questions you may have about our meeting.



Who are Family Justice Counsellors and why are my parents meeting with one?

Parents come to my office to talk about their family and make plans for their children. Sometimes when parents aren't living together they have a difficult time talking to each other. My job is to help parents listen and talk to each other so that they can make family decisions together.



Will I meet with the Family Justice Counsellor by myself?

Yes, unless you have a brother or sister who is meeting with me too. If you do, I will meet with you together first and then I will meet with each of you by yourself, if that is okay with you.

How will I know what to talk about?

I will ask you questions to learn more about what is important to you.

Does the family justice counsellor tell my parents everything I say to them?

Everything you say to me is confidential and that means I cannot tell anyone else what you have said.

When we meet I will take notes. At the end of the meeting I will go through those notes with you and ask you what you would like to keep confidential or private. I will only tell your parents the parts that you want me to tell them.



Will my parents have to do what I want them to do?

No, your parents want to hear your ideas but they also have ideas about what they think is best for your family. Their decisions may not always be exactly what you suggest.

How long will my meeting with the family justice counsellor be?

Less than one hour.

Do I have to attend?

No, only if you want to.

What happens after?

I will meet with your parents at another time and share what you would like me to tell them. After hearing what is important to you, they will continue to make decisions for you and your family.