

Sample Order

At a Term of the Family Court of the State of New York, Part _____, held in and for the County of _____, at _____, N.Y. _____, on _____ 200 ,

P R E S E N T:

Hon. _____
JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT

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In the Matter of a Proceeding for Visitation
Under Article 6 of the Family Court Act

Petitioner,

Docket No.

-against-

**ORDER FOR OBSERVATION
AND EVALUATION**

Respondent.

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After appropriate inquiry into the financial status of _____ and being satisfied that the party/parties is/are financially unable to pay any of the costs of the observation and evaluation,

Upon the application of _____, Esq., made on the _____ day of _____ 200 , it is

ORDERED that _____, whose office is located at _____ and whose telephone number is _____, is herein appointed to conduct an observation and evaluation of the interaction between/among the child(ren) and the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

and to submit a report to the Court by _____, 200 , and to appear and testify if so directed by the Court, it is further

ORDERED that, upon receipt of a copy of this order, the parties are to telephone Mr./Ms. _____, to schedule appointments and cooperate in all respects with the evaluation. Mr./Ms. _____ shall meet with each of the parties and observe a maximum of three one hour interactions between the child(ren) and the _____, it is further

ORDERED that compensation for said observation and evaluation, preparation of written report, and any court appearances shall be paid proportionately to the ratio of adults observed and evaluated (Article 18-B, Section 722-C of the County Law) and the child(ren) observed and evaluated (Section 35 of the Judiciary Law) at an hourly rate not to exceed \$ ____ per hour, to a maximum amount of \$ ____.

If it is anticipated that the evaluation may exceed the cap previously set by this Court or, the statutory maximum (\$200/\$1,000), then a supplemental request will be made to the Court for additional compensation. Only upon a written showing of “extraordinary circumstances” will compensation be awarded in excess of the statutory limits.

The report shall be submitted to the Court, attorney for the child, and counsel for the parties. The report shall be shown to parties. However, copies should not be provided absent court order.

Dated: _____

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Hon.
JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT