

DAKOTA COUNTY
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
FINANCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION (FENE)

FEE STRUCTURE

Each evaluator is required to accept no fee/low fee (total fee of \$50/hour or less) cases if selected by the parties. No evaluator shall be required to accept more than four no fee/low fee FENE cases in any given calendar year.

Each party's hourly rate shall be individually determined as set forth below.

- I. If a party is represented by an attorney, the party's hourly rate shall be one-half the hourly rate charged by the party's attorney. If a party is represented by more than one attorney, the party's hourly rate shall be one-half the highest hourly rate charged to the party.
- II. If a party is not represented by an attorney, the following sliding fee scale shall apply:

Gross Income	Hourly FENE Rate
<i>In Forma Pauperis</i> (IFP)	Flat fee of \$50 for each FENE session
\$0 to \$25,000	\$25
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$50
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$75
>\$101,000	\$150