

**DAKOTA COUNTY**  
**FAMILY COURT DIVISION**  
**SOCIAL EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION (SENE)**

**FEE STRUCTURE**

Dakota County offers the option to participate in a SENE with either one evaluator or a two-person team of evaluators. The fee structure for each is set forth below.

Each party's hourly rate shall be individually determined. For a two-person team of evaluators, the combined fee shall be divided equally between the SENE providers.

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.

**TWO EVALUATOR SENE**

- I. If a party is represented by an attorney, the party's hourly rate shall be 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 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:

<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>Hourly SENE Rate</b>
<i>In Forma Pauperis</i> (IFP)	Flat fee of \$50 for each SENE session
\$0 to \$25,000	\$50
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$100
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$150
>\$101,000	\$300

**ONE EVALUATOR SENE**

- 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:

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