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Policy for Parents:

1. The first four or five sessions with a child are generally evaluative.
2. If I am seeing your child in individual sessions, I appreciate you telling me at the beginning of the session whether there have been any unusual happenings since our last session.
3. I abide by and respect the ethical code of confidentiality in my work. The information and nature of the sessions will not be disclosed to any person or agency without your prior consent to do so. There are two exceptions, which are mandated by Washington law: I must report any life threatening situations or any suspected physical or sexual abuse. In such cases, I will take necessary steps to protect the safety and well being of those concerned.
4. When working with an individual child, I respect his/her right to confidentiality. I will consult with you about your child's progress. Both parents are entitled to know the nature and progress of the child's therapeutic services. It is my policy to include children in the room when you wish to talk with me about your child, except for the initial intake. If you would like to see me alone, please make a separate appointment.

TERMINATION:

A final "good bye" session is essential to the counseling process. As part of your contract with me, you agree to a final session regardless of the reasons for termination.