

Types of Family Court Reports		
<p><b>Hear the Child or Voice of the Child</b> These fall under Sections 37/202/ 224(1b) of the Family Law Act</p> <p>These are NON-evaluative reports and they are often verbatim reporting of the child's words.</p> <p>These reports do not include parent interviews, just a questionnaire to decide questions to ask.</p>	<p><b>Section 211 (1b)</b> These reports fall under Section 211 (1B) of the Family Law Act. They are NOT an abbreviated S211 report.</p> <p>These are Views of the Child Reports that include interviews with the guardians for background only.</p> <p>They are limited in scope so they cannot offer opinions and recommendations regarding the needs of the child. They are not able to comment on parenting time, capacity or family issues</p>	<p><b>Section 211 (full)</b> These are clinical assessments and evaluative reports</p> <p>These reports speak to the views, needs of the child and best interests, while also commenting on the abilities, suitability and willingness of the parties to meet the child's needs by taking into consideration any and all relevant factors</p> <p>These are comprehensive family assessments.</p>
<p><b>Prepared by:</b> Members of the Hear the Child Roster Qualified Neutral Child Interviewers and includes lawyers/ mediators</p>	<p><b>Prepared by:</b> Family Justice Counsellors Mental Health Practitioners NOT Lawyers</p>	<p><b>Prepared by:</b> Mental Health Practitioners Family Justice Counsellors NOT Lawyers</p>
<p><b>Specific Characteristics:</b> Child is providing verbatim response to questions regarding life and living arrangements</p> <p>Interviewer does not analyze, assess or evaluate the responses</p> <p>Provides the child an opportunity to have input into the legal and family decision-making process. Child decides the responses to include in the report</p> <p>Costs range from \$1000 to \$2000 depending on the questions that need answering and the number of children. Turnaround time is usually within the month</p> <p>S.202a is used if the report is already prepared</p> <p>Caution: HIGH CONFLICT, PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS, PARENT CAPACITY CONCERNS</p>	<p><b>Specific Characteristics:</b> Child is providing responses to questions regarding their life and living arrangements</p> <p>Interviewer may comment or apply professional observation regarding the child's presentation, feelings, functioning and responses</p> <p>Does not fully assess parents or collect information from outside sources so these reports can offer only basic or limited amount of reporting on the child's ability to reliably offer their views</p> <p>Professionals decide what goes into the report</p> <p>These reports cannot provide recommendations or opinions about parental alienation, child's relationship with the parent, parenting time or parenting abilities. The information is too limited.</p> <p>Costs can be \$5000- \$7000+ if there are multiple children and guardians.</p> <p>Caution: HIGH CONFLICT, PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS, PARENT CAPACITY CONCERNS</p>	<p><b>Specific Characteristics:</b> Includes interviews with child, parents, step-parents, collaterals close to the family, and professionals familiar with the family</p> <p>Parent-child observations are common and may include home visits.</p> <p>May include psychological measures to assess specific areas identified as concerns</p> <p>Analysis and assessment comments are included</p> <p>All documentation relevant to the question is reviewed.</p> <p>Opinions and recommendations regarding parenting time, alienation/ estrangement, mental health, substance use, family violence issues, child's needs and parties ability to meet those needs are provided.</p> <p>These reports range between \$15-\$25000</p> <p>Since these are so comprehensive, they can take considerable time to complete (months).</p>