

## Settlement Facilitation for Separated/Divorcing/Divorced Parents: A Gatekeeping Approach to Reaching Voluntary Agreement on a Parenting Plan

S.A.F.E. is a forensic psychological service developed by Dr. Bill Austin based on his professional writings, workshops and forensic evaluation model on Parental Gatekeeping (along with colleagues). The service also incorporates an approach to encourage parents to strive for excellence in parenting by valuing the contributions of the other parent and working on their co-parenting relationship.

It is an early intervention service designed to assist separating/divorcing parents and partners to come to a voluntary settlement, or agreement on a parenting plan. The service emphasizes research-based co-parenting education based on the gatekeeping model developed by Dr. Austin.



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**Parental gatekeeping refers to how parents' attitudes and actions affect the involvement and quality of the relationship between the other parent and child. Facilitative gatekeeping enhances quality while Restrictive gatekeeping diminishes.**

S.A.F.E. is a cost-effective service that parents can choose before or after securing the services of an attorney, attempting mediation, and/or deciding to request the court to appoint an evaluator.

It is primarily designed for parents whose partnership