What is a Child Specialist?

I am a trained mental health professional with 20 years of experience working with children and their families. I have been trained in Collaborative Law to work with attorneys and other professionals during a divorce. I meet with parents and then with children and/or teens. I am able to establish rapport and offer insights based on experience and knowledge of child development, resilience, temperament, personalities and coping styles.

"Children are the creatures of example-whatever surrounding adults do, they will do..."

Josiah Warren

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"Life is really simple. What we give out, we get back..." Louise L. Hay How Your Children Can Benefit From Using a Child Specialist During Your Divorce:

- 1. Your children are experiencing the divorce in their own way.
- 2. They deserve to be heard by a neutral party where conflicting parental loyalties do not exist.
- 3. We all grieve when we experience loss.
- 4. Feeling heard and validated can encourage healing.
- 5. Your children have unique perspectives that can be addressed in a parenting plan.
- 6. Parents can gain information and insight.