

Clinical Findings

Intelligence Testing

Loredana was administered the Shipley, which is a brief measure of intellectual functioning that provides a good estimate of IQ. There was no indication of deficient intellectual functioning on this measure for her.

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI)

The MMPI-2 is a widely used personality and psychopathology measure that is paper-and-pencil administered and computer scored. The MMPI (Hathaway & McKinley, 1943) is one of the most widely used self-reported personality inventories that is currently in its second edition (Butcher, Dahlstrom, Graham, Tellegen, & Kammer, 1989). The test-retest reliability of the MMPI-2 basic validity, clinical and content scales range from .67 to .92 for men and .58 to .91 for women (Butcher, J.N., Atlis, M.M., & Jungwon, H. 2004). The following statements are interpreted based on the characteristics of other persons in a large-scale validation study who provided similar results, including child custody litigants. MMPI-2 interpretations are useful in defining general trends, and limited weight should be given to specific statements without corroboration from other measures of the evaluation. In other words, its results should not be used in isolation from other findings contained in the evaluation. In the integration and presentation of test data, conservative clinical judgment is used to select the most likely hypotheses for presentation. Furthermore, the MMPI provides several empirically supported scales of personality, psychopathology, and validity. The validity scales provide a context of responder response patterns that may be indicative of defensiveness, faking good or bad, irregularities and inconsistencies in answer, and random responding.

Loredana's performance on this measure was consistent with those who attempt to present in a positive light. Consistent, there were no elevations on her clinical scales. The few elevations throughout her profile suggest she may be an empathic, if moralistic, person who prefers to give others the benefit of the doubt and seeks to minimize interpersonal conflict. She may also have some fears.

Parenting Stress Index, 4th Edition (PSI-4)

The PSI-4 was designed to evaluate the magnitude of stress that exists in a parent-child system. It addresses child characteristics, parent characteristics, and general life stress due to demographic and situational factors. It also includes a validity score meant to identify those that respond defensively. The PSI-4 is commonly used to identify issues that may lead to problematic behavior on the part of the child, the parent, or both. Loredana's results suggest she answered the questions in a forthright manner, and she experiences an average amount of stress from [REDACTED] demands, her role as parent, and in life generally.