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Adolescent Service Expectations

Confidentiality:

You can expect that what we discuss will be kept private.

There are a few exceptions, and here they are:

1. You tell me that you plan to hurt yourself or someone else.
2. You tell me that you are being abused physically, sexually or emotionally, or that you have been abused in the past.
3. You are involved in a court case and a request is made for information about your counseling.
4. You tell me that you are or have engaged in a sexual relationship with someone who is significantly older than you. In most cases I would be required by law to report this to Child Protective Services.

What to expect about my communications with your parent(s)/guardian(s):

Generally speaking... I will keep the specifics of what you share with me private.

There are few exceptions, and here they are:

1. If I hear that you are involved in risk-taking behavior that becomes serious, then I will need to use my professional judgment to decide whether I must inform your parent(s)/guardian(s), or we will discuss together how you might share this with your parent(s)/guardians(s).
2. Even though I am committed to keeping your information confidential, I may believe that it is important for your parent(s)/guardian(s) to know what is going on in your life. In these situations we will work together to find the best way to discuss these things with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. When meeting with your parent(s)/guardian(s) I will discuss challenges and progress that you have made in counseling. Generally speaking, I will talk about themes rather than specifics. The purpose of meeting with your parent(s)/guardian(s) is to support our work together and to facilitate improved family relationships.

What I expect from you:

1. You agree to attend counseling sessions as scheduled.
2. You agree to participate in goal setting and take an active role in making positive life changes.
3. You agree to talk with me, or another adult who can help you, if you have thoughts or feelings about harming yourself or someone else.

What I expect from your Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

1. You agree to support your child's counseling by doing your best to arrange for regular attendance.
2. You agree to make yourself available for parenting consultations and/or family meetings as requested by your child and/or me as their counselor.
3. You agree to be supportive of the counseling process.

Minor's Name (Please Print): _____

Minor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name (Please Print) _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name (Please Print) _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____