

LIGHTHOUSE COUNSELING SERVICES
“BRINGING HOPE AND DIRECTION DURING STORMY TIMES”

SEPARATED PARENTS OF MINORS OR DIVORCED PARENTS WHO SHARE LEGAL CUSTODY (Both inside and outside of treatment unit)

Because of some of the difficulties associated with divorce your therapist has instituted the following policies. Both parents must not be opposed to therapy or, written documentation from the courts must be provided indicating the permission of therapy without the consent of both parents. Both parents will be offered equal time in face to face or phone contact as much as realistically possible, unless contraindicated, such as cases in which the therapist judges that contact with one or both parents might negatively affect the child.

Your therapist will not communicate with attorneys for either parent or guardian. Your child's therapist will not provide custody or visitation recommendations to the court, mediator, and psychologist conducting a family psychological evaluation. If the child has a court representative (attorney, guardian, or other advocate) or if requested by both parents or ordered by the court, your child's therapist may discuss observations about the child with these parties.

These policies may not apply when a parent resides out of the area or is incarcerated, when child contact is limited by the court, when there is substantial evidence that a parent has abused, endangered, neglected, or abducted a child, when communication with a parent might be physically or psychologically harmful to a child or damage the therapeutic relationship, or when a parent fails to respond to the therapist's attempts to establish contact with that parent. I have read and understand the above information and consent to therapy.

Signature : _____ Date : _____

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