



CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON A MINOR CHILD

The staff of Journeys Christian Counseling Center believes that counseling is a personal and private process, and we adhere to the ethical standards of the American Association of Counseling and Development. Because it is the belief of the staff of this Center that the issues discussed in the counseling sessions should be between the client(s) and the counselor, the strictest standards of confidentiality are enforced; however, there are two circumstances which may be cause for exception:

1. Legal Requirements

Article 5561h of Vernon's Civil Statutes states that counselors always have an ethical obligation to maintain a client's confidentiality unless there is evidence of a danger to self or to others, or there is a legal requirement to testify in a court of law.

Texas Family Code 3.521. If the Court orders counseling/assessment, a counselor must comply with legal regulations.

Texas Family Code 34.01 states that "any person having cause to believe that a child's physical/mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect shall report...".

2 For Purposes of Professional Consultation or Supervision

Counselors sometimes discuss cases with colleagues or supervisors. These consulting professionals are also bound by the same standards of confidentiality.

Minor child(ren) to receive counseling:

I am the parent or guardian of the minor child(ren) listed above and have read, understand and agree to the above policies of Journeys Christian Counseling Center. This is my written request for counseling services.

Signature

Date