



Parent Agreement - Consent for treatment of a minor

Thank you for entrusting me with the psychological care of your child. My role is to help your child develop the coping skills needed to handle the challenges in his/her life, both now and in the future.

California law requires that I do my best to work with both parents of children that I see, when possible. As a result, I attempt to contact both parents and, if necessary, I document reasons for working only with one parent and the steps I have been taking to involve the other parent. If only one parent or a legal guardian signs the form, we will need a copy of the custody order.

The law gives both parents reasonable expectations for information from me regarding their child's progress or lack of it. Also, the law requires that I share specific types of information, i.e. circumstances when a child is behaving in ways that endanger him/herself, others or property. The law grants me the right to withhold information that I believe will result in damage to my professional relationship with the child or will place the child in physical or emotional danger if disclosed. For these reasons, I ask parents to allow me to share only what I am required to by law to share and to whatever information the child wishes discussed with parents.

There are two requests I cannot grant, as doing so would endanger their child's safety and the progress of their therapy. **1)** I do not confer with attorneys for either side in a divorce or custody dispute (nor do I hold lengthy conferences with one parent that I would not hold with the other parent) and, **2)** I do not write letters or make statements regarding what custody or visitation arrangements I believe to be in the best interests of the child. I can and will confer with a child's own attorney, if one has been retained or appointed, or a child's legal guardian, if one has been appointed. I charge a retainer of \$1000 if I am subpoenaed to go to court for any reason.

I have read and understood this agreement:

Name of Minor: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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