



PARENTING PLUS
Child + Family Counseling

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CONSENT FOR COUNSELING OF A MINOR

IN CALIFORNIA, MINORS ARE INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

I hereby declare that I am the legal guardian of the below named minor child, and do consent to the provision of mental health counseling services to the child at Parenting Plus Child and Family Counseling in Palo Alto, California. I understand that while counseling is generally confidential, where there is risk of harm to self or others, child abuse, or other legal requirements that the counselor may be required to release information to protect clients or others.

I agree that services might include individual and/or group counseling. I further agree that all fees are due at times of service. I acknowledge that counseling services will be provided by a therapist at Parenting Plus Child and Family Counseling and that my child's therapist may consult with another therapist for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment planning. However, be assured that information discussed within the agency remains confidential and will not be released without your consent unless mandated by law as noted above.

Before counseling can commence, in the case of a single non-divorced parent or of a legal guardian, written consent from only the parent or guardian must be received. In the case of married parents, written consent from one or both parents must be received. However, in the case of divorce, a copy of the custody order must be provided along with the written consent of both parents if they share legal custody. If one parent has sole legal custody, only that parent may give consent for counseling. Please be aware that under California state law, in certain specific situations, minors age 12 and over may consent for treatment without the knowledge or consent of parents.

This consent terminates upon cessation of treatment or on _____, whichever occurs first.

Minor's Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Therapist

Date