



Kimberly Warmasley Therapeutic and Trauma Services

Children and their families who seek and receive mental health treatment have important rights regarding their confidentiality. Confidentiality means there is a professional relationship between a mental health service provider, the minor the individual, couple, and the minor's guardians in which information shared is kept private: no information will be provided to a person outside of our agency without the legal guardian of the minor, or the minor giving us written permission. In many cases the minor has the right or privilege to their confidentiality information collectively.

However, sometimes the law requires mental health providers to release information without getting your written permission. Those situations where the law requires this includes the following:

1. If a person (child or adult) threatens to seriously hurt or kill another person, mental health providers must by law tell the intended victim and tell the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. If a person (child or adult) is in psychotherapy by court order, or if they are being tested at the request of a court, the results of the treatment or test(s) ordered must be given to the court, with a release of information form or a court order signed by a judge.
3. If a person (child or adult) reveals that a child, dependent person or adult has been neglected, abused, or sexually molested, mental health providers must report this to the appropriate protective agency.

I, _____ a minor, have read and understand the *Statement of Confidentiality* or have talked with a mental health provider about the Statement of Confidentiality and understand it.

Signature of Minor

Mental Health Practitioner