



Joyful Hearts Counseling

Agreement

In the Context of Divorce, Parent/Partner Separation or Transfer of Legal Caregivers

I/We understand that my/our child _____ DOB: _____ is receiving therapy from Leslie Pechkurow, LPC. It has been made clear to me/us that Ms. Pechkurow is providing treatment that may include my/our child’s adjustment to my/our marital divorce or partner/caretaker separation/guardianship or transfer of legal caregivers. I/We understand and endorse that Ms. Pechkurow is providing treatment and is not acting as an evaluator. I/We further understand that Ms. Pechkurow is not conducting a custody or visitation evaluation on behalf of my/our child.

It is Ms. Pechkurow’s professional position not to release child records to non-medical professionals, most especially in the context of custodial disputes. She does, however, provide summaries of care when requested. Her position is that it is often not in the best interest on the child or family to release records to another party or parties as they are then subject to “other” interpretations which could be inaccurate and counter productive to the current or future treatment of the child. Confidentiality and privacy are very important to clients of all ages. If a child is told that Miss Leslie is a therapist “who helps with feelings” then releasing records to a third party could certainly jeopardize her relationship with the child client and possibly be in violation of the ethics of her profession.

I/We further agree to not involve Ms. Pechkurow in any court proceedings regarding my/our child’s treatment. Such involvement has the potential of interfering with my/our child’s trust in the privacy of this therapeutic relationship and any future therapeutic relationship.

If in the context of treating your child, your child’s right to privacy is waived and the records are demanded, please do so by a court order. Ms. Pechkurow may still decline the release of the child’s records to attorneys based on disclosure not being in your child’s best interest (however she may release the records to the judge for review or final disposition). Ms. Pechkurow requires that all parents/partners/caregivers/guardians be in agreement with said release and any subsequent reports would be made available to all parties unless a court order or a judge directed otherwise.

If the parents/partners/caregivers/guardians object/s to the above, then Ms. Pechkurow would advise that she not be utilized as your child’s therapist.

I/We the said parent/s /partner/s /legal caregiver/s /guardians of:

Minor Client: _____ agree/s with the above document in its entirety. I/We have been able to ask questions and all questions asked were answered to my/our satisfaction.

Mother/Partner/Caregiver/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Father/Partner/Caregiver/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Parent/Partner/Caregiver/Guardian _____ Date: _____

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