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Virginia Commonwealth University Student Consent Form

As a client receiving services by a master's level student in the Social Work Program at Virginia Commonwealth University, our foremost priority is offering you the help you need. This Informed consent document is an addendum to any consent provided by the site/school through which you or your minor child is obtaining services. The policies and procedures of the site/school will be followed. To ensure that you receive quality assistance, we want you to know the specific rights you have as a client and what you can expect from the student social work counseling process.

You have the right:

1. To be helped by your social work student with the issues that concern you
2. To work with the social work student in deciding which goals to pursue and how to abstain those goals
3. To ask questions or voice concerns regarding social work counseling techniques or your progress in each session.
4. To experience an atmosphere of safety and trust in which you are free to be yourself and express what bothers you most
5. To refuse any social work recommendation, technique, or service
6. To access your records
7. To request a different social work student counselor should you experience difficulties with your current social work student or counselor, after you make efforts to work out those difficulties

Social Work counseling services are confidential. However, we are mandated by state law to break confidentiality if we have any suspicion that you are a danger to yourself or to someone else. If we have any suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, or in any other circumstances, the social work student counselors are mandated by law to disclose information.

All social work student counselors are graduate students under the supervision of a site supervisor and faculty members. Regular sessions are important to your progress in counseling. We ask you to commit to attending scheduled sessions, to be on time for those sessions, and to notify your social work student counselor/agency 24 hours in advance should you be unable to attend your scheduled session. By signing your name below, you indicate that you have read the above information, that you understand it, and that you have had the opportunity to ask your social work student counselor any questions you might have.

Printed Name of Client

Date

Signature of Client or Parent/Guardian

Date