



# PARENTING ACADEMY

## Informed Consent

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The purpose of the Informed Consent regarding services and confidentiality is to ensure that you are fully aware of benefits, rights, risks and responsibilities of receiving services at Parenting Academy, a program of Brigid Collins Family Support Center.

Keeping your information confidential is important to us. Parenting Academy follows Federal and State Codes to ensure the information you give to us remains confidential. However, we are required by law to disclose information under the following circumstances:

- a. Where there is reason to suspect the occurrence of child abuse or neglect
- b. Where there is a clear threat of serious bodily harm to self or others
- c. To a court under court order

Many times it is helpful to share your information with another person or agency. Parenting Academy may release information to another person/agency if you or a legally authorized party (as defined by RCW) has signed a Release to Mutually Exchange Confidential Information, specifying what information shall be shared and with whom.

### Clients have the right:

- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To receive appropriate care and treatment, employing the least restrictive alternatives
- To nondiscriminatory treatment which is sensitive to differences of race, culture, sex, language, age, disability, national origin, creed, socioeconomic status, marital status, or sexual orientation
- To have an individualized service plan reflecting problems and/or needs identified for or with you/your child
- To have all information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course of receiving services kept confidential, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington (*chapter 71.05 RCW*)
- To refuse any proposed treatment consistent with *chapter 71.05 RCW*
- To review and to copy information in your file
- To be free of any sexual exploitation or harassment
- To lodge a grievance with Brigid Collins if you have reason to believe your rights have been violated

### Clients have the responsibility:

- To attend all appointments, unless a 24 hour notice is given
- To fully participate in development and implementation of the service plan
- To discuss any concerns with the assigned staff person
- To protect the privacy and personal life of the staff

**Please note by law: “Any minor thirteen years of age or older may request and receive treatment without consent of the minor’s parents. Parental consent for evaluation and treatment services shall not be necessary in the case of a child referred by Child Protective Services or other public agencies because of physical, sexual or psychological abuse or neglect by a parent or parent surrogate.” WAC 235-56-235 (1)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read or have had this material read to me; and I understand this information. I also understand that I am a voluntary client of Parenting Academy and am not obligated to remain in services. I also understand that my participation and information concerning myself and/or my family is completely confidential (with exception of mandated reporting laws noted above). In signing this document, I acknowledge that I am consenting for services.

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Signature: Parent, Guardian or Client

Date

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Signature: Witness

Date