



Confidentiality Policy / Consent to Treatment

We are glad you have contacted The Peacemaker Center to work with you to pursue the resolution of your concerns and the pursuit of your goals. All counselors at The Peacemaker Center are experienced and professionally trained. The relationship you establish with a counselor from The Peacemaker Center is voluntary. As a client, you have the right to end our counseling relationship at any time.

All information about you or your records is strictly confidential. Information is shared only with authorized professional staff and the persons you have listed below. Your written permission is necessary for any other instances of information to be released. The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- If the staff has reason to believe that a child has been physically or sexually abused, we are required by law to report it to the state protection service. The staff is not making a determination that any behavior is unlawful or improper. This determination is made by the state.
- If the staff has reason to believe that a client may seriously harm him/herself or another person, we are required to release information to protect the person who may be harmed.
- If our records are subpoenaed by the court in a civil or criminal proceeding, we may be required to release the records. This situation is extremely rare and you will be notified if a subpoena is received.
- Selected records may be made available to certifying or licensing organization for review of our record-keeping procedures.

The following is a list of people to whom information may be conveyed.

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In order to protect your confidentiality any inquiries, outside the above-mentioned exceptions (written, telephone or personal) will not be answered until you sign a release of information.

You understand the fee scale and payment policies: for private pay a fee of \$85.00 per hour has been set. Since the counselor's time has been reserved for you, you agree to give at least 24 hour advance notice when unable to keep an appointment. If there is less than 24 hours, a fee may be charged. You accept financial responsibility for charges that you incur during the course of having The Peacemaker Center provide services.

If at any time you are dissatisfied with counseling, please let us know as we want to grow in our ability to serve you. If you are unable to resolve those concerns with your counselor, you may contact Judy Reid, Executive Director of The Peacemaker Center at 610-458-2325.

Your signature indicates you understand and have been given a copy of this information.

Signature

Date

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