



PROVIDENCE HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

Providence Hall Charter Schools offer therapeutic services and/or behavioral consultations for students in need through our Certified Social Worker (CSW) under the supervision of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). These services are provided as needed during school hours and may include: individual therapy, group therapy, individual skills development, behavior management, and administration/teacher consultations.

Under the Utah Code §53A-13-301 and §53A-13-302 of the Utah Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), school district personnel are required to gain the consent of the parent or legal guardian before meeting with a student (except in response to a situation which a school employee reasonably believes to be an emergency or as authorized under Title 62A, Chapter 4A, Part 4, Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Act, or by order of a court), if information is sought from your child concerning the following issues:

1. Political affiliations or political philosophies (except as provided under Utah Code §53A-13-101-1 or rules of the State Board of Education);
2. Mental or psychological problems;
3. Sexual behavior, orientation, or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior (except as allowed by law);
5. Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student or family member has close family relationships;
6. Religious affiliations or beliefs;
7. Legally recognized privileges and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, medical personnel, or ministers;
8. Income (except as required by law).

During the course of our sessions, students may discuss their personal views and experiences. Information disclosed in therapy sessions is confidential unless not disclosing such information would be harmful to the student or others. Please note that school therapy interventions are provided to help your child succeed in the school setting. Service providers have a responsibility to ensure that an appropriate administrator is informed of any information that concerns potential problems or at-risk situations that might occur. Information concerning life-threatening situations will be shared with the parent and appropriate school personnel. Information gathered from an interview or counseling session may be shared with the administrator or other school personnel only on a need-to-know basis. State law requires that information suggestive of child abuse must be reported to the appropriate governmental agency.

Please understand that under the law, your student cannot participate in the counseling discussions unless and until the signed letter of permission is returned. Complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the anticipated discussion(s) as described above.

Parent/s signature: _____ Date: _____

The Utah Family Education Rights and Privacy Act requires a two-week waiting period prior to the student receiving services unless a parent waives this notification period. **I waive the two-week waiting period so the services may begin immediately:
_____ (initial here).

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