

Joni Brown, MA, LMFT (#102815)
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Parental Consent for Treatment of Minor

A Therapist generally requires the consent of both parents prior to providing any service to a minor child. If any question exists regarding the authority of the minor's representative to give consent for psychotherapy, the therapist will require that the representative submit supporting legal documentation, such as a custody order, prior to the commencement of services.

A Minor Client will benefit most from psychotherapy when his/her parents, guardians, or other legal caregivers are supportive of the therapeutic process.

Parents/Representatives should be aware that the therapist is not a conduit of information from the Minor Client. The parent/representative should also be aware that information he/she shares with the therapist would be brought into therapy with the Minor Client. Psychotherapy can only be effective if there is a trusting and confidential relationship between the therapist and the Minor Client. Although a parent/representative can request to be kept up to date as to the Minor Client's progress in therapy, he/she will not be privy to detailed discussions between therapist and Minor Client. However, the representative can expect to be informed in the event of any serious concerns the therapist might have regarding the well being of Minor Client.

The therapist will not make any recommendations as to custody or visitation regarding Minor Client. Therapist will make efforts to be uninvolved in any custody dispute between Minor Client's parents.

I authorize Joni Brown, LMFT to provide psychotherapy for the minor listed below.

Minor's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

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(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____