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PARENT CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF CHILDREN

Children, as adults, benefit from therapy that provides a protected, safe and neutral environment where they are free to discuss events that affect them, their perceptions and feelings. This is especially true for children of divorce who need a neutral zone to discuss situations and feelings without worry of upsetting their parents, trying to please one or both parents, pressures to take sides, or starting a fight between their parents. I ask that parents of children I am treating agree to respect the privacy and confidentiality of their children's therapy and that, in divorce situations, parents agree not to subpoena me or my treatment records for use in custody disputes or court proceedings.

I communicate in general with parents about their children's progress in therapy. I also work with children to support their explaining or telling their parents important things that parents should know or getting children's permission to translate their needs to parents when there is something a parent needs to know. Additionally, I may make suggestions to parents about ways they can help, or when appropriate, I make recommendations for family therapy when there are issues or feelings that children and parents need to discuss or work out together. Following legal and ethical requirements of my profession, appropriate steps are taken to inform parents or proper authorities if a child presents a safety risk to himself or others or when there is suspected child abuse. I appreciate your role as a parent in wanting the best for your child and I appreciate your entrusting your child to me for good care. You are welcome to contact me at any time with your questions or concerns.

Please sign that you agree with this structure for the therapy with your child or children:

Child/children's name(s): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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