



**Consent for
Mental Health Evaluation
and/or Treatment**
Child and Adolescent

Name: _____

Date of

Birth: _____

1. **Consent to Evaluate/Treat:** I voluntarily consent that my child will participate in a mental health (e.g. psychological or psychiatric) evaluation and/or treatment by providers from The Healing Partnership. I understand that following the evaluation and/or treatment, complete and accurate information will be provided concerning each of the following areas:
 - a. The benefits of the proposed treatment
 - b. Alternative treatment modes and services
 - c. The manner in which treatment will be administered
 - d. Expected side effects from the treatment and/or the risks of side effects from medications (when applicable).
 - e. Probable consequences of not receiving treatmentThe evaluation or treatment will be conducted by a psychotherapist, a psychologist, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, a licensed therapist or an individual supervised by any of the professionals listed. Treatment will be conducted within the boundaries of North Carolina Law for Psychological, Psychiatric, Nursing, Social Work, or Professional Counseling.
2. **Benefits to Evaluation/Treatment:** Evaluation and treatment may be administered with psychological interviews, psychological assessment or testing, psychotherapy, medication management, as well as expectations regarding the length and frequency of treatment. It may be beneficial to my child, as well as the referring professional, to understand the nature and cause of any difficulties affecting my child's daily functioning, so that appropriate recommendations and treatments may be offered. Uses of this evaluation include diagnosis, evaluation of recovery or treatment, estimating prognosis, and education and rehabilitation planning. Possible benefits to treatment include improved cognitive or academic performance, health status, quality of life, and awareness of strengths and limitations.
3. **Charges:** Fees are based on the length or type of the evaluation or treatment, which are determined by the nature of the service. I will be responsible for any charges not covered by insurance, including co-payments and deductibles. Fees are available to me upon request.
4. **Confidentiality, Harm, and Inquiry:** Information from my child's evaluation and/or treatment is contained in a confidential medical record at The Healing Partnership, and I consent to disclosure for use by The Healing Partnership providers for the purpose of continuity of my child's care. Per North Carolina mental health law, information provided will be kept confidential with the following exceptions: 1) if my child is deemed to present a danger to himself/herself or others; 2) if concerns about possible abuse or neglect arise; or 3) if a court order is issued to obtain records.
5. **Right to Withdraw Consent:** I have the right to withdraw my consent for evaluation and/or treatment of my child at any time by providing a written request to the treating clinician.

I have read and understand the above, have had an opportunity to ask questions about this information, and I consent to the evaluation and treatment of my child. I also attest that I am the legal guardian and have the right to consent for the treatment of this child. I understand that I have the right to ask questions of my child's service provider about the above information at any time.

Signature of legal guardian for minor under age 18

Date

Signature of witness

Date