

## INFORMED CONSENT

**As you begin services, River Oak Center for Children, the Center would like to inform you of the following:**

- **Exchange of information within agency.** River Oak uses a team approach to providing services, and we provide supervision to all staff who serve your family. Therefore, information about your child's and family's progress will be shared with other River Oak Center for Children personnel, in order to supervise or consult with staff about the best care.
- **Confidentiality and mandated reporting.** Communication between you and your child and River Oak staff is confidential. However, under California state laws, **River Oak employees are required to report information to the police, social services and/or others in the following situations:**
  - Whenever information is revealed that causes the staff member to know or reasonably suspect that child abuse has occurred, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect;
  - Whenever information is observed or reported that causes the staff member to suspect that abuse of a dependent adult or elder has occurred, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment and financial abuse.
  - When serious threats of violence are made toward other individuals
  - To prevent serious injury or harm; and
  - When serious threats of suicide are made.
- **Coordination with other agencies.** The law allows River Oak to exchange limited information with County Mental Health and agencies that provide care for you/your child. Please see the Notice of Privacy Practices for details.
- **Right to know about the treatment received.** You have the right to be informed of the condition for which treatment is being provided and to ask questions about the services received. You also have the right to be informed of proposed interventions, treatment and medications, the benefits, risks and potential side effects of each and the likelihood of success. You also have the right to know about alternative options for treatment. You have the right to refuse interventions, treatments and medications without risk of losing other treatment services.
- **Risks and benefits.** As with any mental health services, the services are not guaranteed to have specific results. The outcome of the services will be the result of a collaborative effort between you, your child and River Oak staff. Other relationships and events may affect this process. Some of the risks of receiving mental health services include, but are not limited to, uncomfortable discussions regarding challenges and problems, strong emotions, unpleasant memories and changes in relationships with others. Some of the benefits that may occur include, but are not limited to, improved emotional and behavioral functioning, improved relationships and improved feelings about oneself and others.
- **Right to know licensing of treating professionals.** River Oak provides training for mental health professionals and you may be seen by a clinical trainee or intern whose work is under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional. You are entitled to know the licensing and education, of any person from whom you receive services. You are welcome to contact the supervisor at any time during treatment.

Name of assigned staff: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a licensed mental health professional                      Degree, License type & number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unlicensed    Degree, classification, license status: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be clinically supervised by \_\_\_\_\_

(Supervisor's name, license type & number, and telephone number)

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

- **Audio/video taping advisement.** River Oak may use audio/video taping, or third party review of audio/video materials for teaching staff or program evaluation within the agency. All audio/video taping are considered confidential and are destroyed after clinical use. If audio/video taping is used a specific consent form is required which clearly states the usage for the requests to audio/video tape you or your child.
- **Transportation.** The services for your child may include field trips, recreational activities and other activities or services. River Oak staff may transport your child(ren)/family to these services or activities, by private car or agency van.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver/parent or adult client \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver/parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child/Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Family member \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ROCC Staff \_\_\_\_\_