

Confidentiality Agreement

As a staff member, participant or volunteer of Hope Farms Project, you will be observers and recipients of confidential information concerning participants and their families. It may be client identity, a fact, series of facts, or a situation in the participant's life which may become known to you through observation or listening, with the implicit understanding that this information will remain confidential.

Confidentiality is the preservation of information concerning participants and other facilitators which is disclosed to the facilitator. Confidentiality is based upon the basic right of privacy of the participants; it is the ethical obligation of the facilitator. However, the right to privacy is not absolute; the following are the exceptions to confidentiality:

- 1. When in the opinion of the facilitator, harm to self and or others are evident, the facilitator will disclose such threat to counseling staff to create and implement a plan of action to protect the parties involved.
- 2. Participant's information can be shared with other facilitators and staff during the pre and post group meetings as well as in the normal course of conducting the business of the counseling practice.

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