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RE: "Consent for Treatment of a Minor" Forms

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JFS welcomes your minor child for counseling. Because children and family counseling involves confidential information and requires close parent participation, JFS does not enroll children in counseling without establishing who has the legal right to give consent for that minor to receive treatment.

Enclosed please find 2 "Consent for Treatment of a Minor" forms:

- If parents are married, each parent should sign one form.
- In the case of <u>divorce or separation with joint legal custody</u>, the form must be signed by both parents who have legal custody and the legal paperwork outlining joint custody must be provided before the child can be seen for the first appointment/session
- If one parent has <u>sole legal custody</u>, the legal paperwork outlining sole legal custody must be provided and the consent form signed by the one parent before the child can be seen for the first appointment/session.
- In the case of <u>legal guardianship</u>, the legal paperwork outlining the guardianship must be provided and the consent(s) signed by the guardian(s) before the client can be seen for the first appointment/session as well.

Appointment(s) will be cancelled if the completed form(s) and/or necessary paperwork are not scanned, fax'd back or returned in the self-addressed enclosed envelope at least 48 hours before the first appointment.

Fax number 760-778-3781
Scan to <a href="mailto:appointments@jfsdesert.org">appointments@jfsdesert.org</a>
Mail in self- addressed envelope

If you have any questions regarding this information please call us at (760) 325-4088 Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM and Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Thank you for helping JFS provide coordinated care for your child.



