



In order for a minor (someone under the age of 18) to attend counselling at Crossroads Counselling Centre Society, a written consent must be completed by the required parties. The relationship that you have with the other parent or legal guardian will determine who needs to sign the consent and what other documentation we require.

1. **Both parents are married to or in a relationship with each other –**
 - If both parents are able to attend the first session to sign consent for the child to attend counselling, this is preferred. If this is not possible, we ask that you have the consent form signed by the other parent or guardian and that you bring it to your child’s first appointment.
2. **The parents are separated or divorced and share joint custody -**
 - The written consent of both parents is required. If one of the parents is unable to attend the child’s first session, he or she will be required to complete this consent form and either send it to our office directly or have the other parent bring it to the child’s first appointment.
 - If the child’s other parent is unable or unwilling to consent to the child’s counselling, a court order must be obtained that states that the child may come for counselling without that parent’s consent. A copy of the court order will be kept in your child’s file.
3. **The parents are separated or divorced and custody has been assigned to one parent -**
 - We will need to see that the custody agreement states that one parent has sole custody OR that the custodial parent has sole decision-making power over the child’s healthcare. A copy of the custody agreement will need to be kept for your child’s file.
4. **The child is the subject of a temporary or permanent guardianship order -**
 - We will need to see the guardianship order and retain a copy for the child’s file.
5. **One parent is deceased -**
 - We will need to see the death certificate for the other parent and retain a copy for the child’s file.
6. **Only one parent is listed on the child’s birth certificate -**
 - Bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate to his or her first appointment. We will make a copy to be retained in your child’s file.

In the event that changes are made to the custody agreement or guardianship order, we require you to supply us with a copy immediately.

We, the parents/legal guardians of _____,
 give consent to have him/her seen by a counsellor at Crossroads Counselling Centre.

We understand that what is shared between our child and the counsellor is confidential and, with some exceptions (see privacy policy), is not accessible to anyone. A summary report may be provided, if necessary, and will only be released with written consent of the child’s parents/legal guardians.

Dated this _____ day of _____,
 (Month) (Year)

Name	Signature	Witness
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