

Client Policies & Parent Consent

Please read this document, initialling page 1 and signing on the bottom of page 2.

Confidentiality Policies

Psychologists within our clinic are bound by the APS Code of Ethics regarding Confidentiality (Section A.5.2), as adopted by the Psychology Board of Australia. This states that client confidentiality must be maintained with the specific exceptions related to duty of care and legal obligation. As APS members, this clinic also abides by the Australian Psychological Society's Ethical Guidelines "Guidelines for working with young people". This means that psychological therapy remains confidential unless permission is granted by the client to discuss information disclosed during therapy sessions.

Confidentiality between a young person and their treating clinician is essential in order for treatment to be successful. The clinician will always encourage the young person to talk with their parent but confidentiality will only be breached when safety is a risk. Parental consent is required for assessments, therapy and other information to be provided to a paediatrician, speech or occupational therapist, teacher or guidance officer. Information pertaining to diagnosis and treatment suggestions will be provided to the referring GP/Paediatrician.

All personal information gathered by the psychologist during the provision of the psychological service will remain confidential and secure except where:

1. It is subpoenaed by a court; or
2. Failure to disclose the information would place you or another person at serious and imminent risk;
or
3. Your prior approval has been obtained to:
 - I. Provide a written report to another professional or agency, e.g. GP or lawyer; or
 - II. Discuss the material with another person, e.g. parent or employer or if disclosure is otherwise required or authorized by law.

Practice Policy

All About Kids is a counselling and therapeutic intervention clinic. Clinicians conduct clinical, educational and developmental assessments and provide intervention accordingly. All About Kids clinicians are able to provide assessment and therapy reports as requested by clients for a range of requirements, including providing information to schools, medical practitioners, parents and other therapists. Clinicians are also available for teleconferencing or school visits in order to share or discuss pertinent information and intervention strategies. An appropriate fee may be charged for the provision of such services.

The clinic does not routinely conduct family assessments or provide court reports for the Family Court of Australia or other family dispute matters. The clinicians within the practice are not registered court reporters. We do however have a number of psychologists to whom we refer our clients for such assessments and reports.

Parent Consent

Do you have a 'Parenting Agreement" in place? YES NO

If yes, have you provided a copy to your psychologist? YES NO

1. I give permission for information regarding my child _____ be shared with _____(Parent). YES NO

2. I give permission for information shared between myself and my child's psychologist to be disclosed to _____(Parent) upon their request. YES NO

3. Are there any other legal lodgements your psychologist should know about that are relevant to the child / children? i.e. A. V. O.

If yes, please provide details:

Policies Agreement

I, hereby agree that I have read and understood the Policies set out in this document and agree to these conditions for the psychological service provided by

Client's Name: _____

Parents First and Last Name: _____

Date: _____

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Policies Agreement.