



crossings
community church

LIFETOOLS FOR TEENS

Participant's Informed Consent

Crossings Community Church's *LifeTools for Teens* is a psycho-educational group using a biblically-based curriculum that helps your teen better understand and respond to family life stressors. **Please be advised that CCC *LifeTools for Teens* is not therapy, nor is it in any way intended to provide substitute for therapy.** Our facilitators are volunteers, not professional counselors. If at any time you feel your teen is in need of professional counseling services, one of the **CCC LifeCare** Counselors will be happy to talk with you about referral to an appropriate community resource.

Each teen must have at least one parent enrolled and participating, either in the ***LifeTools for Teens Parent Group*** or in a **CareSeries** support group, to be eligible, week-to-week, for class attendance. **With no exception, each teen must have a parent, or, a pre-approved "parent designated care-giver", on-site the entire time.**

Any and all information offered by either parent or teen will be treated with respect and sensitivity. Such information is typically retained within the leadership of the **CCC *LifeTools for Teens*** program but with some ethical and legally mandated exceptions.

Please be informed that to ensure the health and safety of every teen, Oklahoma law stipulates a "Duty to Report" and/or a "Duty to Protect." This requires any and all adults to report suspected or confirmed reports of any abuse or neglect to *Child Protective Services*. It is the Church policy that all adult leadership of **CCC *LifeTools for Teens*** will comply fully with these statutes. **Please Initial _____.**

Both Parents are expected to communicate directly with one another regarding their teen's involvement in **CCC *LifeTools for Teens***. Group facilitators are not available as mediators between estranged parents or family members. **Please Initial _____.**

Please be informed that **CCC *LifeTools for Teens*** does not intend to meet criteria for any court-ordered requirement or certification. Because of this expressed policy, **Crossings Community Church** will not provide verification of enrollment, documentation of participation, nor interrogatives regarding a teen's or parent's participation in the program.

I expressly release and hold harmless **Crossings Community Church**, it's employees, and all other persons working with the church on its behalf from all liability, loss, damage, claims or actions for injuries, damages or judgments of any kind which may arise in connection with the **CCC *LifeTools for Teens*** program.

Having read the above and declaring full understanding, I, _____, **(Print parent's or legal designee's name)** as the custodial parent or legal designate, hereby agree to the above stipulations and provide authorization for my teen, _____, **(Print teen's name)** to be enrolled and participate in **CCC *LifeTools for Teens***.

I agree to his/her participation until a written directive, stating otherwise, is submitted to the **CCC *LifeTools for Teens Director*** through the **LifeCare** office of **Crossings Community Church**.

Custodial Parent/Legal Designate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teen Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

(NOTE: Each teen must have an originally-signed *Informed Consent* on file for participation, for each year.)