



## *LifeTools for Kids* Informed Consent

*LifeTools for Kids*, a psycho-educational group using a biblically-based curriculum that helps children better understand and respond to family life stressors. **Please be advised that *LifeTools for Kids* 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 child is in need of professional counseling services, the *LifeCare Ministries* Office will be happy to talk with you about a referral to one of our community resources.

Each child must have at least one parent enrolled and participating, either in the *LifeTools for Kids* parent group or in a **CareSeries** group, to be eligible, week-to-week, for class attendance. **With no exception, each child must have a parent or legal designate on-site the entire time.**

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

Please be informed that to ensure the health and safety of every child, Oklahoma law stipulates a "Duty to Report" and/or a "Duty to Protect." This requires all adults to report suspected or confirmed reports of child abuse or neglect to *Child Protective Services*. The leadership of *LifeTools for Kids* will comply fully with these statutes. **Please Initial \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Please be informed that *LifeTools for Kids* 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 child'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 *LifeTools for Kids* program.

Having read the above and declaring full understanding, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the custodial parent or legal designate, hereby agree to the above (Print parent's or legal designate's name) and provide authorization for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to be enrolled and participate in *LifeTools for Kids*. (Print child's name)

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Each child must have an originally-signed *Informed Consent* on file for participation.)

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