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THE GUYS' GROUPS
For Boys in Middle School & High School

Consent Form

The Guys' Groups are psychotherapy groups for adolescent boys. One group is for boys in middle school (ages 11-14) and the other is for boys in high school (ages 15-18). These groups may use a variety of media such as movies, music, games, etc. as launching points for discussion of psychodynamic and psychosocial topics. Although we will shy away from media containing gratuitous sex and violence, we may be exploring some mature themes and some movies may be rated as high as "PG-13" in the Middle School group and as high as "R" in the High School group. As these groups go on, issues may develop between group members that are not related to the media used. These issues will be addressed within the group and are usually the most productive parts of group dynamics in terms of personal growth.

Confidentiality will be maintained for group members. It is important for pre-teens and teens to feel that they have a secure and private place to explore sensitive topics. I ask that the names of group members and personal information that we discuss not be used outside the group.

Confidentiality does not extend to situations involving suspected child abuse, or situations in which the individual is a threat to self or others.

Continuity is an important part of the group/social process, so every effort should be made to be present at each meeting. The group session fee is \$50 per meeting. There is a 48 hour cancelation policy for the group. Cancelations made less than 48 hours will be charged the session fee of \$50. This is necessary so that I can reserve the two-hour time block in my schedule.

If you have questions regarding your child's progress in the group, please ask me. While I want to maintain confidentiality for your child, I also want to be available to discuss his development, social skills, emotional health and so on.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____