

307 – Counseling Children

I. Why use play?

A. It is the primary way children _____

B. It is the _____ of childhood

C. Promotes healthy _____ and learning

II. How is play therapy beneficial?

A. Creates a safe _____

B. Provides _____

C. No _____

1. They can make their own _____

2. Limited _____

3. Every behavior is _____

4. Creates a _____ environment for relationship building and acceptance

D. Different approaches to play therapy

1. Non-directive
2. Directive
3. Many others

III. Applications in first sessions

A. Meet with parents

B. Meet child on their _____

C. Explain play room

1. Safe _____
2. Rules and _____
3. Have them do _____ and cover intakes

IV. Problems associated with play therapy

A. Understanding what the child is _____ in play

B. Parenting

1. Skills
2. Commitment
3. Assessing where they are _____

C. Reporting abuse (See attachment)

V. Play therapy can be beneficial to people of all ages.

A. _____ abused adults

B. Emotionally _____ adults

C. Any willing individual

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Life Ministries

Subject: Duty to Warn / Violent Behavior

Purpose: To provide policies for GraceLife Family Ministry counselors to abide by Georgia law and God's law regarding incidences of harmful or "reasonably suspected" harmful actions against another person or oneself.

To detail the 'Clergy Privilege' application of Georgia law regarding GraceLife Family Ministry discipleship counselors.

Policy: GraceLife Family Ministry will conform to Georgia law which requires incidences of harmful or "reasonably suspected" harmful actions against another person or to oneself to be reported to the proper authorities.

As members of clergy, counselors will not disclose any communications made to him or her in any court.

Duty To Warn

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION REMAIN RIGHTS OF ALL COUNSELEES. HOWEVER, SOME COURTS HAVE HELD THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL INTENDS TO TAKE HARMFUL ACTION AGAINST ANOTHER HUMAN BEING, OR ONESELF, IT IS THE COUNSELOR'S DUTY TO WARN APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS OF SUCH INTENTIONS. COUNSELORS ARE MANDATED TO REPORT ANY INCIDENCES OF "REASONABLY SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE" (PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL).

O.C.G.A # 24-9-22 (Clergy Privilege)

EVERY COMMUNICATION MADE BY ANY PERSON PROFESSING RELIGIOUS FAITH, SEEKING SPIRITUAL COMFORT, OR SEEKING COUNSELING TO ANY PROTESTANT MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, ANY PRIEST OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH, ANY PRIEST OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH, ANY JEWISH RABBI OR ANY CHRISTIAN OR JEWISH MINISTER, BY WHATEVER NAME CALLED, SHALL BE DEEMED PRIVILEGED. NO SUCH MINISTER, PRIEST, OR RABBI SHALL DISCLOSE ANY COMMUNICATIONS MADE TO HIM BY ANY SUCH PERSON PROFESSING RELIGIOUS FAITH, SEEKING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, OR SEEKING COUNSELING, NOR SHALL SUCH MINISTER, PRIEST, OR RABBI BE COMPETENT OR COMPELLABLE TO TESTIFY WITH REFERENCE TO ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION IN ANY COURT.

Procedure: GraceLife Family Ministry will conform to Georgia law which requires incidences of harmful or "reasonably suspected" harmful actions against another person or to oneself to be reported to the proper authorities.

Prior to reporting, the counselor(s) will make concerted effort to share the intention to warn with the counselee, parent or legal guardian to allow them sufficient time to file the report.

1. Suspected harmful actions towards a minor will be reported to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) for the county of residence.
2. Suspected harmful actions towards an adult (including suicide) will be reported to the county police department 911.
3. Counselors should apply the attached checklist to each counselee to help determine extent of violent behavior.
4. If violent behavior towards a counselor is suspected, the counselor should notify the director of counseling.
 - If violence is suspected prior to client's arrival, a co-counselor should sit in on the session.
5. If violence is suspected during a session, the counselor should excuse himself and notify the director.

Violent Behavior Checklist

Mentoree Name _____

Date _____

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| 1. Is there a history of harmful or violent behavior? | Yes/No |
| 2. Is there a history of the abuse of alcohol or drugs? | Yes/No |
| 3. Is there an indication that suicide or violent behavior is being considered? | Yes/No |
| 4. Is there a plan for suicide or violent behavior? | Yes/No* |
| 5. Are substances, weapons, or other means available for suicide or violent behavior? | Yes/No* |
| 6. Is there any known or "reasonably suspected" incidences of child abuse | Yes/No* |

Note: If yes, notify the Life Ministries Coordinator and take action.

Mentor's action:

Mentor's Name: _____ Date : _____

Coordinator's Name _____ Date _____