



## CUSTODY ADDENDUM

Whenever a child or person under guardianship becomes a client of LifeWorks Counseling and Consulting, Inc., the parents and/or guardian(s) agree(s) that their request for treatment of their child means that they have legal authority and/or custody.

While any parents with legal visitation can admit a child for treatment in a crisis (i.e. child traumatized and in significant distress) the primary custodial parent/guardian must be notified, as well. A custodial parent/guardian can mail, hand deliver, or fax a permission form, attached with the court records, stating they are allowing the noncustodial parent/guardian to admit the child into treatment and/or to maintain it.

State legal guidelines require the option for noncustodial parents to have the right to knowledge of all treatment and interventions, in the event they request it, however, it is LifeWorks policy that noncustodial parents/guardians will not be notified unless specifically requested by the custodial parent/guardian and a release is signed to confirm approval.

LifeWorks will not assume the role of resolving this permission if the parties disagree. In non-emergency situations, treatment will be halted until such time as the party holding legal custody grants permission. The party "responsible for payment" will be billed for any treatment provided. This person will be the one who signs for treatment unless agreed to otherwise by all involved parties. LifeWork's reserves the right to contact this person to confirm his/her acceptance of financial responsibility.

I acknowledge that I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minor Client's Name)

I understand that if LifeWorks checks this box, I must provide evidence of legal custody from a State or Federal Court.

Parent / Legal Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Legal Guardian Printed Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	Client #
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