

Northwest CASA

Consent for Advocacy Services

This form is NOT intended as a waiver of my rape crisis privilege under 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1 and DOES NOT constitute a release of confidential communications between myself and Northwest CASA staff

I, _____, agree to have Northwest CASA through its staff and volunteers provide me with advocacy services.

- I understand that Northwest CASA staff will maintain my confidentiality under 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1* while providing advocacy services.
- Except to the extent that advocacy services have already been provided, this consent for advocacy may be revoked by me at any time by notifying Northwest CASA in writing.
- I understand that Northwest CASA staff will need to disclose my full name and/or other personally identifying information** that is protected by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, 42 U.S. Code § 13925(b)(2)*** in order to advocate on my behalf.

This form expires on _____ at _____ am/pm. (Note: Expiration should meet your needs, is typically no longer than 15-30 days, but may be shorter or longer).

For client 12 years of age or over: I understand that this form is valid when I sign it and that I may withdraw my consent for advocacy services at any time either orally or in writing.

Signed (minor): _____ Date and time: _____
Witness: _____

For client under 12 years of age: I am _____ (parent/guardian) of client and I have no interest adverse to client. I understand that this form is valid when I sign it and that I may withdraw my consent for advocacy services at any time either orally or in writing.

Signed: (parent or guardian) _____ Date and time: _____
Witness: _____

For an adult with a guardian who is not capable (per a court order) of making an informed decision about waiving privilege: I am _____ the guardian of client and I have no interest adverse to client. I understand that this form is valid when I sign it and that I may withdraw my consent for advocacy services at any time either orally or in writing.

Signed: _____ Date and time: _____
Witness: _____

Reaffirmation and Extension (if additional time is necessary to meet the purpose of this consent for advocacy services):

I confirm that this form is still valid, and I would like to extend this consent for advocacy services until:

New date and time: _____

Signed: (age 12 and over) _____ Date and time: _____

Signed: (parent for under age 12 or guardian) _____

Witness: _____

- * “Confidential communication” means any communication between a victim and a rape crisis counselor in the course of providing information, counseling, and advocacy. The term includes all records kept by the counselor or by the organization in the course of providing services to an alleged victim concerning the alleged victim and the services provided. 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1(b)(4).

- ** The term “personally identifying information” or “personal information” means individually identifying information for or about an individual including information likely to disclose the location of a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, regardless of whether the information is encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected, including —
 - (A) a first and last name;
 - (B) a home or other physical address;
 - (C) contact information (including a postal, e-mail or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number);
 - (D) a social security number, driver license number, passport number, or student identification number; and
 - (E) any other information, including date of birth, racial or ethnic background, or religious affiliation, that would serve to identify any individual. 42 U.S. Code § 13925(a)(20).

- *** Under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, 42 U.S. Code § 13925(b)(2), grantees and subgrantees with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) may not disclose, reveal, or release individual client information without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person (or in the case of an unemancipated minor, the minor and the parent or guardian or in the case of legal incapacity, a court-appointed guardian) about whom information is sought, whether for this program or any other Federal, State, tribal, or territorial grant program, except that consent for release may not be given by the abuser of the minor, incapacitated person, or the abuser of the other parent of the minor.