

Agreement for Group

Introduction

Thank you for being a part of *Game Group*. This is a group for participants 17 and older, roughly late high school to college age. This group is not a therapy group and it is not a substitute for therapy, although some may use it to achieve therapy goals; it is a social group run by you and loosely facilitated by me and/or volunteers/staff. No therapy notes or attendance will be taken at the meetings. There is no charge for this group.

You may suggest and choose the games, although I maintain veto power. If any parents or participants object to a game for moral, ethical, equity, or religious reasons, we will make adjustment.

The purpose of the group is to provide a place for you to play games and socialize with people outside of your typical social group. Each of you has a different reason for joining the group. No assumptions should be made about the reasons for being in the group. If you choose to disclose whether or not you are in therapy, that is up to you.

Responsibilities

Participation in this group is entirely voluntary. You should feel no obligation to participate. As it is my responsibility to keep the privacy and confidentiality of those individuals who are my patients intact, by joining the group, you agree to **use only first names in introductions and interactions with other group members and their parents** during the group. If you want to disclose your own last name and contact information, that is completely up to you, and is neither encouraged or discouraged. However, by joining this group, you agree that although you may share your contact information, you will not make this request of others. If you feel that this confidentiality has been breached, it is your responsibility to let me know.

If you should run into a participant outside of the group, I request that you respect the privacy and confidentiality of the group members by not calling attention to their group membership and by using only first names. Saying an individual/family is a “friend of a friend” is a typical way of explaining your acquaintance, if necessary.

This group is virtual until further notice. As such, you will have to bring your own snacks. ☺ Please keep in mind that in a virtual environment, no assumptions of confidentiality should be made, and thus, the things that you disclose about yourself should be no more than you would typically be comfortable disclosing in an environment such as school or work, or the broader community. Of course, no recordings of the sessions will be allowed, and I will be using doxy.me as my site for Game Group, unless we have technical difficulties, in which case we will use Zoom or Google Meet.

Agreement

I have read the above information regarding the Game Group, and if I have not understood everything, I have asked and had answered any relevant questions I might have. I understand and agree to the points listed above, as shown by my signature below.

Participant: By joining this Game Group today, I agree to the terms above.

participate in Game Group and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.