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Confidentiality and Minors
Special Issues Pertaining to Minors Receiving Mental Health Treatment in the
District of Columbia

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I. Introduction

- a. Minor's Right to Privacy and Confidentiality of Mental Health Information
- b. Relevant D.C. and Federal Laws and Regulations

II. Providing Information to Parents, Guardians and Government Agencies

- a. Statutory/Regulatory provisions regarding parental right to information or minor right to privacy
- b. What circumstances, if any, create a "duty to inform" parents?
 - i. "Imminent danger"
 - ii. Runaway
 - iii. Other circumstances
- c. What circumstances, if any, create a "duty to inform" a government agency?
 - i. "Imminent danger"
 - ii. Runaway
 - iii. Other circumstances
- d. Parental Access to Therapeutic Information
 - i. When, if ever, can information regarding the content of therapy be provided to parents/guardians
 - ii. When, if ever, can a minor patient prevent the disclosure of information regarding the content of therapy to his/her parents

III. The Disclosure of Information About Past or Future Criminal Acts

- a. When, if ever, is a Mental Health Professional Ethically Allowed to Disclose Information about Past or Future Criminal Acts revealed by a patient during therapy?
- b. When, if ever, is a Mental Health Professional legally obligated to Disclose Information about Past or Future Criminal Acts revealed by a patient during therapy?

IV. Questions/Discussion