

Victim/Offender Conference Program

**Limited Waiver of Confidentiality Agreement**

We, the undersigned, hope and trust that the results of this conference will be healing to both the complainant(s)/victim(s) and the offender(s), and prevent a need for formal prosecution or civil court action.

We understand that if at any time we do not wish to participate further, we may end our involvement, leave, and pursue the more formal, legal avenues that remain.

We understand that according to current Illinois Statutes:

- police records, court records, and all other Juvenile Justice System records related to the criminal behavior, or alleged criminal behavior, of a person under the age of 17 are not open to the public, except to the military or by court order,
- a police report concerning a juvenile offender may be available to immediate parties to an offense, according to Public Information Laws, as long as a juvenile offender cannot be identified by name,
- a complainant/victim in a juvenile criminal complaint has a right only to the name and address of the minor offender only by court order prior to formal prosecution—provided there is no risk of harm to the persons or of damage to the property of the juvenile and the juvenile’s family—or in the event that formal prosecution occurs, and that
- a complainant/victim in a juvenile criminal case has a right to know the details of a Court Services Adjustment Plan or the sentence determined by the Court.

We understand that according to current law:

- statements made by victims regarding partial fault could be used to mitigate an offender’s accountability during formal prosecution and that
- facilitators and observers can be required to disclose information from this conference in civil court proceedings.

**However, we agree and understand that no statements or admissions made by any parties in this conference will be used in any subsequent prosecution of or civil action against the undersigned minor or parents, regardless of admissibility according to law.** We agree that whatever happens or is disclosed by the parties in this conference, is to be held confidential by all parties. *Exceptions would include a threat of violence or disclosure of another criminal that act must be addressed and reported.* We understand that records of the proceedings will be maintained in the Probation Department.

Signed:

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Police Officer

Facilitator/Probation Officer