



## Confidentiality Policy for Youth

With youth, there is a unique aspect to confidentiality that must be taken into consideration, in that the parents usually are counseled in addition to the youth themselves. With this in mind, we have made this document on confidentiality specifically for youth.

Hope for Wholeness leadership will hold as confidential disclosures made in the context of the Hope for Wholeness program to include: documents, phone calls, emails, one on one counseling sessions, and support group settings.

These disclosures to be held in confidence would be anything of a personal matter (both past and current). This would include the use of or experience with consenting sexual encounters with other youth (not to include non-minors), masturbation, pornography, current and past relationships, and communication between other parties.

Ideology will be shared with the parent, both in context of the discussion but also to include language used by youth on the subject matter. This is for the purpose of helping the parents better understand their son or daughter and how to be better parents.

There are two exceptions to this confidentiality, which are listed below. Discussion will occur and a plan of action will take place. The individual would be advised and consulted with for any plans that would need to follow. A period of time would be given to the individual for progress and self-disclosure if needed.

1. All leaders of Hope for Wholeness reserve the right to discuss with other leaders matters disclosed by individuals or group members for the purpose of receiving help, supervision, and oversight.
2. Anyone coming to Hope for Wholeness for help who discloses intentions to take harmful, dangerous, or criminal action against another human being or against themselves will necessitate that Hope for Wholeness leadership warn appropriate individuals of such intentions. Suspected acts of child abuse or neglect will be reported. Those warned may include a variety of such persons:
  - Person or family of the person who is likely to suffer the result of harmful behavior
  - Family of the group member who intends to harm him/herself or someone else
  - Associates or friends of those threatened or making threats
  - Law enforcement officials or child protection services