

## Informed Consent

Things you tell a chaplain in a religious consultation, group or individual session, journal or writing assignment, Bible study, spiritual growth group will usually be private. I need to tell you some of the times when they won't be private.

Things you talk or write about may be written or placed in your institutional file, however this file cannot be given to others without your guardian's consent (if you are a minor) or without your consent if you are an adult (18 years or older). Your confidential institutional file can be given to someone else without consent in the following situations:

- There is a court order by a judge that tells DJJ to release your records;
- DJJ is arranging care with another treatment provider; or
- Your records are needed for placement in a program.

Your private information may also be shared with others when something you say or do indicates that you:

- Plan to hurt yourself or someone else;
- Plan to do something that would disrupt safety or security of the facility;
- Have been abused; or
- Are in danger of being abused.

If I believe that you are at risk of harming yourself or someone else, my main goal is going to be to keep you and others safe. I will do whatever I need to do to protect you and others, to include notifying and involving members of your family.