YOUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY & SEVEN EXPECTATIONS

Nā Keiki O Emalia's work with you and your family is confidential. Information shared with the staff, volunteers and other participants is private. Your rights to privacy will be strictly maintained. There are, however, some important exceptions to privacy explained below.

Imua Family Services staff are mandated reporters and are required by law to report any witnessed or suspected child abuse or neglect. Unless informed otherwise, and provided with legal custody or related documents, Imua Family Services considers the parent identified during the registration process as the primary contact who will receive communication, and be responsible to receive and engage in the child's participation in the program and services, including having the authority to consent for all related activities.

Exception # 1:
Hawaii law requires staff and volunteers to report any suspected physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect to the appropriate government agency.

Exception # 2:
If we learn that someone with whom we are working has a specific intent to bring harm to himself/herself, we reserve the right to inform other family members and/or make appropriate referrals if necessary.

Exception # 3:
If we have reason to be concerned about the drug and/or alcohol use or abuse by a child or teen we reserve the right to inform the parent. If we suspect a participating adult is using drugs and/or alcohol before a group, we reserve the right to speak to the adult.

Exception # 4:
If information is ordered by the court, including a subpoena, we will attempt to contact you about the order. You may oppose the release, but the court may nevertheless require compliance with the order.

Exception # 5:
If we learn that someone participating in the program intends to commit a violent act, we may take steps to protect the intended victim against such danger or inform police, or both.

Exception # 6:
Privacy rights and exceptions pertain to information disclosed in support groups. Group members are encouraged to keep all information confidential, but Nā Keiki O Emalia cannot guarantee they will.

Exception # 7:
At times Nā Keiki O Emalia uses case examples of children or teens and their families in publishing journal articles, conducting professional training and in fundraising efforts. We may anonymously refer to your situation in those circumstances. Your child, teen or family's complete name will never be used without your specific written approval.