



Support Group Confidentiality Agreement

I understand that participating in this support group means I agree to these terms to ensure a safe and supportive environment:

1. **Confidentiality:** Everything shared in our group stays confidential. This includes personal stories and any identifying information shared by group members.
2. **Respect for Privacy:** I will respect everyone's privacy inside and outside of group sessions. I won't share identifiable details about other group members with people outside the group.
3. **Respectful Communication:** I commit to communicating respectfully and supportively with all group members. No judgment or criticism—I'm here to support.
4. **Personal Responsibility:** Each of us is responsible for keeping group discussions private. I will not record, photograph, or share details from our sessions without permission from everyone involved.
5. **Contact Outside of Group:** I agree not to contact other members outside of our scheduled group time. This helps maintain a safe and cohesive environment.
6. **Encounters Outside of Group:** If I encounter a group member outside of our session, I will not approach them unless they initiate a conversation. Similarly, group facilitators will adhere to this rule—they will not approach group members in public or outside of group time unless approached first by a group member, in which case they will respond and engage.
7. **Concerns About Confidentiality:** If I feel my confidentiality has been compromised, I will speak with our facilitators to find a solution to ensure safety and privacy.
8. **Boundaries of Confidentiality:** While our group values confidentiality, I also understand there are limits. If someone talks about harming themselves or others, or mentions child abuse, our facilitators may need to report this for everyone's safety. **SVC Advocates are mandatory reporters for instances of child abuse (physical and sexual), neglect, exploitation, or maltreatment within the last 3 years.** (This is not to scare anyone or discourage participation, but to ensure informed consent and safety for all.)