



## Mourning Dove Ministries, Inc.

### Informed Consent

Training and learning new skills is a cooperative effort between the instructor and the trainee with responsibilities resting with both the counselor and the client. In order to enable you and the trainer to work most effectively together, we ask that you carefully read the information below. If you have any questions, your counselor/coach will be happy to discuss them with you.

Mourning Dove Ministries, Inc. is a counseling and teaching ministry dedicated to providing individuals with the tools to understand and improve relationships. The ministry exists to provide these services from a Christian perspective for individuals, couples, families, and groups. Mourning Dove Ministries' services are available to residents of the community regardless of religious affiliation. Gary W. Delaplane, the lead trainer, holds a Master's Degree in Professional Counseling and is a Certified Trainer of the Intimate Encounters materials. Mr. Delaplane is a Licensed Christian Counselor (LCC), and holds memberships, in good standing, in the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), the Georgia Christian Counselors Association (GCCA), and the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS). We are **not** licensed, however, by the State of Georgia. If your situation is deemed inappropriate for the type of assistance provided by this ministry, it will be suggested that you seek the level of professional counseling or medical assistance that is appropriate.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

Communications between the client and the staff of Mourning Dove Ministries are confidential and will not be revealed unless required by law such as in situations of child abuse, elder abuse, threats of physical harm to self or others or subpoena of a court. Your counselor or coach will be discreet if it is necessary to contact you at home or work.

#### **INSURANCE:**

We regret that insurance does not cover counseling or training at Mourning Dove Ministries, Inc.

#### **ASSESSMENT:**

Your counselor may ask you to complete a personality inventory or some other inventory relevant to the training process. The cost usually ranges from \$20 to \$30 depending on the cost of processing that inventory.

#### **CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENTS:**

If you must cancel your appointment, please call the ministry and leave a message on the counselor's voicemail (678-596-9594) at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled appointment. If you miss a scheduled appointment, you will be billed at the full, agreed-upon session rate.

#### **TELEPHONE CALLS:**

Should you need to contact your counselor, you may leave a message in our voicemail (678-596-9594) seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:**

The counselors or coaches are not available to handle emergencies. If you have an emergency, you will need to contact either a hospital emergency room or the police depending on the situation. Call 911.

**I have read the above information and voluntarily request counseling, training and skill enhancement at Mourning Dove Ministries, Inc. and I agree with these terms and conditions. \***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* The signature of the custodial parent or guardian is required for clients under 18 years of age.*