

MTS Small Group Confidentiality Requirements

In order for the Mending the Soul Small Group to be effective, it must be safe for all involved. One way to keep the group safe is for all members to agree to keep the things shared in the group confidential. This means that whatever is shared in the group, stays in the group. Although group participants may discuss what they have learned in the group, they must not share any personal information about the other group participants, including their names, any statements that would identify a group participant, or anything they share in the group.

MTS Facilitators have the same responsibility to keep information confidential. However, there are exceptions to confidentiality. Facilitators have an obligation to report to the proper authorities, without a group participant's permission, information a group participant may share that (1) leads the Facilitator to believe the group participant intends to harm him or herself or another person, or (2) creates a reasonable belief that a child or elder has been abused or neglected. Finally, a Facilitator may be required to disclose confidential information pursuant to a legal subpoena or court order.

Participant Initials: _____