

PREPLAN FOR CRISIS RESPONSE

Confidentiality Statement from the Jefferson and Gilpin Counties Community Crisis Response Team

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Statement of Confidentiality

The primary role of the Jefferson and Gilpin Counties Community Crisis Response Team (JGCCCRT) is to provide emotional support to victims of traumatic events. In order to provide the most broad based professional response possible, the team is comprised of law enforcement based victim advocates, mental health workers, American Red Cross volunteers, school personnel, clergy and community members.

Recognizing the diversity of the team members and their professional roles, the following standards of practice apply to all team members when they are acting in the capacity of a crisis responder as part of the JGCCCRT.

1. In relationships with every victim, the JGCCCRT member will serve as a victim advocate and in that capacity, act on behalf of the victim's needs.
2. All team members will respect the victims' rights to privacy and confidentiality, subject only to laws or regulation requiring disclosure of information to other sources, such as when disclosure is necessary to prevent serious foreseeable and imminent harm to anyone.

Confidentiality Rules Specific to Law Enforcement Based Advocates

The JGCCCRT recognizes the particular practice required of law enforcement based advocates that requires disclosure of information, that may be related to the investigation of a crime, to law enforcement. Because of this fact, only law enforcement based victim advocates will be assigned to assist witnesses or potential witnesses to the crime.

Confidentiality Rules Specific to Mental Health Workers

The JGCCCRT recognizes the importance of maintaining the ethical and legal standards for Mental Health Workers governed by (CRS 12-43-218) with regard to confidentiality. Team members also recognize the importance of facilitating the victim's disclosure of information that may be relevant to the investigation of a crime, to law enforcement. Therefore, if it is discovered that a member who cannot abide by rules established for law enforcement based advocates, is inadvertently assigned to a potential witness, he/she will make every effort to convince that person to report to law enforcement, while maintaining confidentiality as required by law.

**As a member of the Jefferson/Gilpin Counties Community Crisis Response Team (JGCCCRT), I have read, understand and fully endorse the JGCCCRT Statement of Confidentiality and agree to adhere to the guidelines set forth. In this capacity I am acting under the confidentiality rules for _____Victim Advocate
_____Mental Health Worker.**

Signature

Agency Affiliation

Date