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Life by the Reins

Social Skills Group Application

General Information

Participant: _____ ☐M ☐F

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Height:_____ Weight: _____ Veteran: ☐Y ☐N

Ethnicity: (For grant writing purposes) _____

Address: _____ City: State: Zip:

Phone:_____Alternative Phone:_____Email _____

Employer/School: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Phone: _____

Referral Source: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

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Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

Name:

Date of Birth: Home Phone: Email:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Physician's Name: Medical Facility:

Health Insurance Company: Policy #: Primary insured DOB:

Allergies to medications:

Current Medications (including over the counter) :

In the event of an emergency, contact:

Name: Relation: Phone:

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In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of receiving services, or while being on the property of the agency, I authorize LifeStriders to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release client records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

Consent Plan

This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any treatment procedure deemed "life saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) above is unable to be reached.

Consent Signature: Date:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: Date:

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Primary Diagnosis:

Secondary Diagnosis:

HEALTH HISTORY

Please indicate current or past problems in the following areas:

	Y	N	Comments
Vision			
Hearing			
Sensation			
Communication			
Heart			
Breathing			
Digestion			
Elimination			
Circulation			
Emotional			
Behavioral			
Pain			
Bone/Joint			
Muscular			
Thinking/Cognition			
Allergies			

What medications is your child/teen currently taking including over-the-counter medications? If prescribed medication, please list medication name, purpose, dosage, and time.

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What is your primary reason for enrolling your child/teen in Life By the Reins?

FUNCTION Describe your child/teens abilities/difficulties with communication and mobility skills.

SOCIAL (i.e. Work/school including grade completed, leisure interests, relationships-family structure, support systems, companion animals, fears/concerns, etc.) Also please describe your child/teens personality.

GOALS. What would like to accomplish within the first 8 week session? Prioritize at least three goals for Life By the Reins staff to concentrate on?

1.

2.

3.

What social areas is your child successful/comfortable with?

What social areas does your child struggle with?

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What triggers negative behaviors from your child or teen?

Does your child have sensitive subjects staff should be aware of?

What strategies work well to motivate your child?

How is the issue for which you are seeking treatment affecting the following areas of your life?

	No fect	Little Effect	Some fect	Significan Effect	Not pplicable
Friendships					
Family					
Job/School Performance					
Financial Situation					
Physical Health					
Mood					
Anxiety Levels/Nerves					
Ability to Concentrate					
Eating Habits					
Sleeping Habits					
Ability to form lasting					
Ability to Control Anger					
Other:					

PARENTS, would you be interested in participating in ONE parent support group throughout each eight week session at the same time as your child's/teens social skills group? Yes No

Additional Comments:

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PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND GUEST LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

As a participant/rider at LifeStriders, I acknowledge the risks and potential risks of horseback-riding and equine related activities. (Under the Wisconsin Equine Activity Civil Liability Act [WI Statute 895.481], each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities) However, I feel that the possible benefits are greater than the risks assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, and assigns, executors or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against LifeStriders, Inc., its Board of Directors, Advisors, Board, Action Committee, Instructors, Subcontracted Instructors, Therapists, Subcontracted Therapists, Aids, Volunteers, and/or Employees for any and all injuries sustained while participating in the LifeStriders program. All Volunteers and guests (guests = participants, siblings, parents, other relatives, friends) entering LifeStriders premises understand that they will be in contact with animals, and assume the risk of injury, and that it is possible that I or my guest(s) be bitten, scratched, and/or otherwise injured while on LifeStriders premises. I also understand that I or my guest(s) may be exposed to equine and/or other animal illness and disease and that it is also possible that I or my guest(s) could indirectly expose other animals to such illness and disease. My signature to this liability release attests to my, and my guest(s) intent to hold harmless and release from all liability against LifeStriders Inc., its Board of Directors, Instructors, Subcontracted Instructors, Therapists, Subcontracted Therapists, Volunteers, and or Employees for any and all injuries and or losses I or my guest(s) may sustain, while attending LifeStriders premises.

Participant's Name (please print):_____
Participants Signature:_____ Date:_____
Parent/Foster Parent/Guardian's Signature:_____ Date:_____

Must be signed parent/guardian if volunteer is under the age of 18

PHOTO RELEASE

I ☐ DO
☐ DO NOT
consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by LifeStriders of any and all photographs and any other audio/visual materials taken of me for promotional material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for in benefit of the program.

Consent Signature: _____ Date: _____
Client, Parent, Foster Parent or Legal Guardian

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Safety Rules

LifeStriders strives to provide a safe riding experience for all of our participants and requires that all participants, families and volunteers abide by our safety regulations. Please review and sign our safety rules.

- Please reserve parking in front of the buildings for Participants. Volunteer and Staff parking is available in the back two thirds of the front lot and rear of the building
- To avoid traffic jams in the driveways please arrive earlier than your designated class time.
- Parents/caregivers must keep siblings, friends and relatives of the rider in the viewing areas.
- Please do not bring pets.
- No participants are to enter the barn isle unless accompanied by staff.
- Parents/caregivers will be solely responsible for the participants before and after arena/therapeutic riding time is completed.
- Parents/caregivers please walk to the gate to meet your participant after they have dismounted the horse. Once participants are done with arena/therapeutic session, parents/caregivers are asked to please assist their rider with feeding treats to the horses.
- Parents/caregivers need to remain on LifeStriders premises during therapeutic riding and/or Social Skills group sessions.
- Due to the nature of mounted equine assisted therapies, participants must be able to undergo an emergency dismount procedure, performed by volunteers and or staff of LifeStriders. The weight limit to participate in mounted activities is 200 Lb, and may decrease according to the needs of the participant.
- For training and safety purposes, we ask that volunteers and participants NEVER HAND FEED THE HORSES.
- Hitting or kicking of horses is NEVER allowed, and will result in dismissal from the program.
- NO guns, knives, weapons or violence of any kind are allowed on LifeStriders premises. This is a zero tolerance rule. Violators will be asked to leave and not allowed to return.
- Please do not climb or lean on any fences, gates or doors.
- No one is to enter the Barn Manager's apartment or other buildings on the property, other than the barn.
- No visitors are allowed in LifeStriders' paddocks without prior approval from staff and must be accompanied with an approved volunteer or staff member.
- No visitors or volunteers are allowed in LifeStriders' paddocks outside of operating hours without prior approval from staff.
- In order to ensure the safest riding conditions, we ask that children and visitors refrain from screaming, running, or ball playing on the premises.
- Only the participant and staff/volunteers are allowed in the teaching arena, unless parent or health care professional presence is requested by the instructor.
- Please keep the guidance given to riders in alignment with the therapeutic riding instructor's directions.

Attire

- A helmet and gait belt must be worn by participants at all times during the lesson hour.
- Long pants are recommended for both riders and volunteers.
- All participants must wear closed toe shoes. No one will be allowed to ride or be around the horses if they are bare foot or in sandals.
- Volunteers must wear sturdy closed toed shoes that will not slip off of the foot. We do not recommend steel-toed shoes.
- Volunteers- Please refrain from wearing clothing that is too tight or revealing- No tank tops, bra tops etc.

I have read and understand LifeStriders Safety Policy

Volunteer Signature:_____Date_____

Participant Signature:_____Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date_____

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Progress Reporting

At LifeStriders we strive to provide services that enhance the lives of individuals in a variety of ways. Please answer the following questions to help us design a program that fits the needs of our clients. Thank you.

1. What lead you to seek Social Skills/Counseling services?

   _____

   _____

2. The concerns you want to address, for the most part, are: (please check one)
   a. Psychological (assertiveness training, building self-esteem, anxiety, depression, anger, etc.)
   b. Behavioral (ADHD related symptoms, oppositional, defiant, etc.)
   c. Physical (Symptoms related to Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Neurological Disorders, Paralysis, or other medically diagnosed conditions)
   d. Speech and Language
   e. Other _____

3. How serious are your concerns?

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
   Not Serious Moderately Serious Very Serious

4. Occurrence of concern(s) before starting Social Skills/Counseling services:
   ☐ At least once a day ☐ 2-3 times a week ☐ Once a week ☐ Once every 2 weeks ☐ Once a month

5. Frequency of overcoming concern(s) before starting Social Skills/Counseling services:
   ☐ At least once a day ☐ 2-3 times a week ☐ Once a week ☐ Once every 2 weeks ☐ Once a month

Additional comments:_____

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DISMISSAL OF VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS FROM CENTER ACTIVITIES

LifeStriders recognizes the extreme importance of the safety and well-being of our clients, volunteers, staff, guests and animals. All persons on LifeStriders' premises and/or engaging in any of LifeStriders' activities, are expected to follow LifeStriders rules and policies and may not engage in disruptive, unsafe or inappropriate behavior. In the event that any person does not comply, **the following actions may be taken:**

Level 1 Verbal Warning
Breaking of LifeStriders rules and /or policies and procedures may be followed by a verbal warning from LifeStriders Staff to be documented in the incident report book.

Level 2 Written Warning
Breaking of LifeStriders rules and/or policies and procedures for a second time will be followed by a Personnel/Staff meeting for discussion regarding the infraction. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the exact reason the infraction occurred for second time and discuss with the person how to avoid the circumstance ever occurring again. This meeting will be documented and placed in the incident report book.

Level 3 Dismissal from Organization
Immediate dismissal from the property and organization will occur for:

- Endangering the safety of others
- Inappropriate use of the facilities, mailing lists or monies
- Disruptive or abusive behavior to the animals or individuals at LifeStriders
- Repeated disregard of the organizations rules, policies and procedures
- Possession of a weapon, illegal drugs or a paraphernalia
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs

DISMISSAL OF VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS FROM CENTER ACTIVITIES

I have read and understand the policies and program rules by which LifeStriders operates. By signing below, I indicate my willingness to abide by these rules and policies. I further understand that failure to comply with these policies and rules will result in discharge from the program.

Volunteer Name (please print):_____ Date_____

Volunteer Signature:_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian (please print)_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

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LifeStriders Make-up and Payment Policy

LifeStriders is a non-profit organization committed to offering accessible therapeutic services to our community. We raise funds to offset the cost for parents or participants paying out of pocket. LifeStriders works to keep costs for families significantly below going rates by minimizing accounting costs.

LifeStriders offers, but does not guarantee, one make-up per session for missed classes, based on availability. Scheduling opportunities are limited to two (2) attempts. If dates are not used or if a session has concluded, the credit will expire.

LifeStriders accepts check, money order, or major credit cards as form of payment.

Payment Policy for Social Skills and Therapeutic Riding - LifeStriders charges $65.00 per therapeutic hour (45-50 minutes) if paid in advance for the entire session (6-9 weeks) or $120.00 per therapeutic hour if: paid one (1) week past the session start date, the participant receives any source of outside funding, or the participant chooses to pay per date of service. To secure the $65.00 per therapeutic hour rate, we require that the entire session enrollment fee be paid in advance to reserve a spot.

Payment Policy for1:1 Equine Therapy- LifeStriders charges $150.00 per therapeutic hour (45-50 minutes) if paid in advance for the entire session (6-9 weeks) or $200.00 per therapeutic hour if: paid one (1) week past the session start date, the participant receives any source of outside funding, or the participant chooses to pay per date of service. To secure the $150.00 per therapeutic hour rate, we require that the entire session enrollment fee be paid in advance to reserve a spot. **Semi-Private Equine Therapy** - LifeStriders charges $100 per therapeutic hour if the entire session is paid for in advance, or $175 per therapeutic hour if: paid one (1) week past the session start date, the participant receives any source of outside funding, or the participant chooses to pay per date of service.

Billing County Agencies- If you, your child, or foster child has a case with any county agency and billing has been paid through them in the past, we will continue to bill them unless told otherwise. Parents/foster parents/guardians must email us of any changes in billing agencies, case managers, or responsible parties in advance. Parents/foster parents/guardians are responsible for any outstanding fees not paid by agency.

Billing Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy - LifeStriders will bill patients insurance or county agency at the rate of $400.00 per therapeutic hour (45-50 minutes). Deductible, co-pays, and co-insurance payments are the responsibility of the named insured card holder/parent/guardian. If billing has been paid through insurance in the past, LifeStriders will continue to bill insurance unless told otherwise. Participant/Parent/Guardian will email/contact LifeStriders of any changes in insurance plans or responsible parties in advance. If payment is not received for any dates of service, participant/parent/guardian assumes responsibility for any outstanding fees at the discounted rate of $150.00 per therapeutic hour

Summer Therapy Program requires a deposit of $500 to reserve a spot for the eight (8) week program. If participant chooses to vacate their reserved time slot after June 1, or does not attend a minimum of 6 out of 8 weeks, the $500.00 deposit will be retained by LifeStriders to pay for the time slot reserved unless arrangements have been approved in writing by LifeStriders' management. If patient's insurance does not cover services, patient/parent/guardian will be responsible to pay the out-of pocket discounted rate of $150.00 per therapeutic hour. The $500.00 deposit will be applied to patient's bill.

Cancellation Policy for Individuals Paying Per Date of Service Twenty-four (24) hour advance notice is required for cancellation of appointments. Participant/Parent/Guardian will be charged according to the scheduled fee of $65.00 if the cancellation is made with less than 24-hours of notice.

Attendance Policy: To maintain your enrollment in LifeStriders' programs, a minimum attendance of 85% is required (6 out of 7 weeks, 7 out of 8 weeks), unless prior arrangements have been approved in writing by LifeStriders' management.

I have read and understand the make-up and payment policies by which LifeStriders operates. By signing below, I indicate my willingness to abide by these rules and policies.

Participants Name: _____ Date_____

Participants Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent, Foster Parent or Guardian Name: _____ Date _____

Parent, Foster Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

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Participant's Consent for Release of Information

1. Participant Information

Full Name: _____Date of Birth: _____

2. Authorization to Share Records

I hereby authorize LifeStriders to release to AND receive information from:

Organization/Name: _____

Contact Info (Email/Phone): _____

3. Information to be Released Check all that apply:

[ ] Physical Therapy evaluation, assessment, and program plan

[ ] Occupational Therapy evaluation, assessment, and plan

[ ] SLP (Speech) evaluation, assessment, and plan

[ ] Counseling / Mental Health Records

[ ] Social Skills or Cognitive Behavioral Management Plan

[ ] Billing and Payment Records

[ ] Other: _____

4. Purpose & Expiration

Purpose of Disclosure: _____

Expiration Date: This authorization will expire one year from the date of signature unless otherwise specified here: _____

5. Acknowledgments & Rights

• I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time in writing, except to the extent that action has already been taken.

• I understand that information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations.

• I understand that my treatment, payment, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned on whether I sign this authorization.

_____ _____

Signature of Client or Legal Guardian Date