



Participant Name: _____

MORAL RECONATION THERAPY (MRT)® PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Requirements for Participation:

Confidentiality: Confidentiality is an important aspect of MRT groups. Everything said within the group must stay within the group. Any concerns or issues that arise in group will be discussed and handled in the group session, not between participants outside of the group meetings. Breaking confidentiality is grounds for dismissal from MRT.

Exceptions to Facilitator Confidentiality: The group facilitator and other staff that are involved in the MRT program will report drug use, criminal or planned criminal activity, and violations of supervision conditions to the assigned Probation Officer or the Therapeutic Courts team.

The group facilitator is also a mandated reporter in the State of Washington. This means that anything shared in group about a child or vulnerable adult being harmed will be discussed further with you after group and reported to Child Protective Services and/or Adult Protective Services. Comments made that indicate that you are a danger to yourself or others also falls under mandated reporting requirements. These comments will need to be reported and evaluated further by your mental health professional, designated crisis responders, and/or law enforcement.

Active participation in group activities and completing reading and homework assignments is required. Some of the requirements include:

1. Bring all MRT materials to each group meeting.
2. No food is permitted (with the exception of Graduations and special occasions outlined by your group facilitator). Beverages with a lid or top are permitted.
3. If you fail to bring your book to class, you will be sent home and it will count as an absence.
4. Be on time for groups, if you are more than 3 minutes late than you will not be allowed to participate that week, will be sent home, and it will count as an absence. You must be here on time.
5. You are required to stay for the entirety of group, if you do not it will be counted as an absence.
6. Please use the restroom prior to class, there will be no breaks.
7. Dress in appropriate attire for a professional environment.
8. Abstain from the use of alcohol, marijuana, and non-prescription drugs. If you appear to be under the influence during group you will be sent home and it will count as an absence. Probation or your Therapeutic Courts team will be informed of this. Appearing more than one time under the influence will result in removal from the MRT program.
9. Abstain from offensive, disruptive, or inappropriate language.
10. Headphones, cell phones, and other electronic devices are not allowed to be out during group. You must be able to focus and pay attention in group.
11. Inappropriate behavior such as sleeping in group will not be tolerated.
12. Show respect to your group facilitator, staff, guest speakers, and other program participants.



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- 13. You must pay for the workbook and class in full prior to starting the group. The total cost is \$125. This payment shall be in a single payment made at the District Court window, online at www.franklindistrictpayments.com, or by calling 1-855-619-0158.
- 14. If you lose your MRT workbook, notify the MRT facilitator immediately and a new workbook will be provided to you once payment in the amount of \$40 is received.
- 15. You will have 3 opportunities to complete a MRT step. Failure to complete a step in 3 attempts will result in a return to court for non-compliance, staffing with your Therapeutic Courts team, or termination from the MRT group, depending on your individual circumstances.
- 16. You are permitted only 3 absences, including excused or unexcused absences. If you show up late and cannot participate this is considered an absence. After 3 absences you will be non-compliant (see number 14 above).
- 17. Comply with the conditions of supervision and all group rules and regulations. Failure to comply with any of the above rules could result in being sent home early from the group which will count as an absence.
- 18. If you are terminated from the program you will not receive a refund of any of your \$125.
- 19. This is your group. The facilitators are here to provide guidance and to ensure you have the tools you need to successfully complete MRT.
- 20. All homework will be handed in after presentations have been completed. Facilitators will evaluate the work, and return the book to you. Facilitators are available for questions/help (just don't wait until the last minute to ask for assistance).

On _____(Date), I _____(Name), paid for my book and class in full in the amount of \$125. I have been issued one *How to Escape your Prison*, MRT educational workbook. I understand that this program will take me approximately 6 months to complete depending on my pace. Group will be held at Franklin County District Court (Courtroom 224) at _____ (Time) on _____ (Days), depending on my facilitator. Franklin County District Court is located at 1016 N 4th Ave Pasco, WA. My signature below indicates that I have read the above, received my workbook, paid in full, and I am willing to follow the group rules. I understand that the MRT facilitator has the authority to dismiss me from this program if I do not comply with these and other rules of the program. I understand that my enrollment in the MRT group begins on _____(Date) at _____ (Time).

Participant Signature

Date

MRT Facilitator Signature

Date



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Release of Information

This release of information is to allow the exchange of progress/status reports with the referring parties/court/counsel. This release allows Franklin County District Court staff to converse with those named, both orally and in writing. This release will expire 1 year from the discharge of the named participant from the MRT program whether successful or unsuccessful.

I, _____, authorize Franklin County District Court to exchange treatment information, including status reports, with _____ and/or _____.

Participant Signature

Date