

# What your consent to a Child Team means

### We work together for your child

We who work with children and young people can do more when we work together. If your child needs support from a different organization than where the child is listed, the Child Contact<sup>1</sup> can describe your child's needs and situation in a Child Team. Then the Child Contact can report back to you about what support you can get.

#### What is a Child Team?

The Child Team meets once a month and is always the same people from the organizations you can see listed on the consent form.

## What information is shared in the Child Team?

Before the meeting, the Child Team participants will summarize what they know about your child's needs and situation. This might include information on your child's physical and mental health, how the child is developing in preschool/school, if the child feels secure, if the child is taking responsibility, if the child has been bullied, how the child feels about their leisure time, who takes care of the child or what kinds of relationships the child has.

It is important that only relevant, necessary and proportionate information is shared, in order to best support your child. This means that the shared information is significant to the child getting the right support. Apart from sharing this specific information between the participants in the Child Team, the staff still observe the same confidentiality they always do.

The organizations are permitted to include information on events that happened longer ago, but only if they are important to the current situation and what support the child may need.

#### Why is it important that I sign the consent form?

We need your permission to share information with each other so we can work together and help your child and you in the best way possible. Without your permission, the law (the Public access to information and secrecy act 2009:400) does not allow us to do so.

By signing the consent form, you:

- allow the Child Team to read and share information with each other about your child's needs and situation.
- give your child the opportunity to get an overall assessment by the Child Team.
- give your child the opportunity for early, comprehensive support.
- allow the Child Team to share information so you don't have to keep telling your history over and over.
- will get feedback from the Child Team about what they learned and what you can do to get the right support.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Child Contact is the child's contact person, whose job is to promote, support and protect the child's development and health. The Child Contact can be a midwife, pediatric nurse or principal at a preschool/school.