



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES  
SOCIAL WORK GROUP RULES AND CONTRACT**

Group Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Day(s) & Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1. All institutional rules and regulations apply to the group.
2. Members are expected to attend every session. No unexcused absences will be permitted. While two excused absences may be permitted, a third absence will result in the member's dismissal from this group. Groups having fewer than ten (10) sessions can only permit one excused absence. Excused absences include such reasons as health care, parole hearings, court proceedings, legal and family visits, or as determined by the group leader.
3. All members are expected to participate in group discussion and to complete and hand in all homework assignments.
4. What is said in group is to remain confidential. Members and leaders shall abide accordingly, within the rules and regulations of the institution.
5. Threats to harm oneself may be reported to appropriate personnel to prevent suicide.
6. Threats to harm another person will be reported to correctional personnel, the police and/or that person (required by Maryland law for all social workers).
7. Threats to the security of the institution will be reported to the managing official or other correctional security supervisor.
8. Disclosure of child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional) will be reported to Child Protective Services even if the abused child is now an adult (required by Maryland law for all social workers).
9. Once a group meeting begins, members will remain in the room.
10. Should group membership be reduced below five (5), the Regional Social Work Supervisor will determine whether or not the group shall continue. If the group must end, remaining members will be scheduled into the next available group.
11. Incarcerated group participants will acknowledge receipt of rules and regulations for groups by signature and date on this form.

By signing this contract, I am making a commitment to attend and complete the work assigned during this group. I agree to follow the above group rules at all times. I understand that failure to meet these requirements can result in dismissal from the group.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_