



PARTICIPANT CONSENT & LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

Meaningful Day Services

PARTICIPANT WAIVER & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The undersigned voluntarily agrees to participate in the *Meaningful Day Services* sponsored by **Karina Association Inc.**

I understand and agree to the following:

1. Risk Acknowledgment & Behavioral Safety

- If a participant's behavior presents an **immediate risk to themselves, others, or public safety**—including but not limited to:
 - Running away or eloping into unsafe areas (e.g., traffic),
 - Physical aggression toward staff, community members, or others,
 - Destruction of public or private property,
- Karina Association staff will follow **established emergency procedures**, which may involve:
 - De-escalation and crisis intervention techniques,
 - Contacting **emergency services (911)**,
 - Involving **law enforcement** if safety cannot be maintained.

2. Assumption of Liability

- I understand and accept that **Karina Association Inc. and its representatives do not assume legal responsibility** for any resulting injury, emergency intervention, action taken by authorities, or property damage.
- Participation is **voluntary and at my own risk**.

3. No Reliance on Verbal Statements

- I acknowledge that I may **not rely on any verbal or informal statements** regarding safety, liability, guarantees, or promises that are not written in this agreement.

4. Full Release of Liability

- I recognize that Karina Association Inc. **has not undertaken any duty or responsibility** for my safety.
- I accept **full responsibility for all risks**, including bodily injury, death, disability, or property damage that may occur while participating in program activities.

5. Waiver of Claims

- By signing, I **voluntarily surrender any right** to seek reimbursement, damages, or legal action against **Karina Association Inc., its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents** for any injury or liability incurred during participation.

6. Acknowledgment and Acceptance

- I state that:
 - I fully understand the risks associated with participation,
 - I willingly and voluntarily accept these risks,

- My signature confirms that I am **not relying on any oral representations or statements outside of this written form.**

SIGNATURES

Participant / Legal Guardian

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Karina Association Inc. Representative

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name & Title: _____

Emergency Contact Information

(Optional but recommended)

Name	Relationship	Phone

**** If a participant's behavior presents an immediate risk to themselves, to others, or to public safety—such as running away into unsafe areas (e.g., traffic), acting aggressively toward others, or damaging public or private property—Karina Association staff will follow established emergency procedures. This may include de-escalation techniques, contact emergency services (911), and/or involve law enforcement if safety cannot be ensured. The undersigned understands and accepts that Karina Association Inc. and its representatives are not legally responsible for any resulting injury, intervention, or property damage and acknowledges that participation is voluntary and at their own risk. The undersigned further acknowledges that no verbal or informal statements outside of this written agreement may be relied upon regarding safety assurances or liability. This is only used as a last resort and in accordance with safety protocols. Karina does not assume legal responsibility in such events, and this is clearly explained in the waiver, so families understand the boundaries of our support. Our priority is safety, respect, and transparency throughout the process.*

Example: *Tori joins the Meaningful Day program and goes into the community with staff. A staff member casually says,*

“We’ll make sure nothing happens, we’ll take care of everything.” Later, an incident happens (for example, Tori trips and gets injured). If her family tries to hold Karina responsible, Karina can state: **“The waiver clearly says we do not accept responsibility for participant safety, and no verbal statements can be relied upon. The participant/guardian accepted full risk by signing.”**

Even if the staff member verbally reassured them, **the written waiver overrides any spoken statement.**