

FIGURE 4.2. Informed Consent Document From the Assessment, Learning Evaluation, and Counseling Center (ALEC)

Staff members will safeguard your confidentiality, and your relationship with ALEC will not be revealed to anyone without your prior written consent. However, under certain conditions, ALEC is legally and ethically obligated to release information about a client whether or not the client approves. These conditions are as follows:

1. Suspected abuse (physical, sexual, neglect) of children, the aged, and the disabled: As counselors and psychologists we are required by law to report suspected abuse to the Department of Children and Families.
2. Potential suicide or homicide: In instances in which a client threatens homicide, we may have to notify the intended victim and police. Likewise, if a client is thought to be at high risk for suicide, family, the authorities, or both may need to be notified to protect the client.
3. Court order: We must release a client's records if a judge issues a court order compelling us to do so.