

Prime For Life for Minor In Possession

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why happens when my child completes the Prime For Life Program? What happens if my child does not participate in the program?

- If the child participates in Prime For Life and completes all the requirements listed in the information email, the Minor In Possession charge will be closed by the Juvenile Court. This means that it does not show up on a background check.
- If the child does not complete the Prime For Life program, the charge may proceed one step further and be handled by the Intake Department of the Juvenile Court. This could possibly result in a hearing being scheduled before a judge.

2. How should we prepare to participate in Prime For Life? Are there any tasks that need to be completed before the first Zoom session?

- Parents must sign the *Release of Information* for participants under the age of 18. Those 18 and over must complete their own form. Completed forms should be emailed to Aaron.Toffoli@kentcountymi.gov.
- It is helpful for parents to read through the *Prime For Life Parent Guide* before your child participates in the program. This provides some important background information and gives you step-by-step outline of the *Participant Workbook*.

3. We don't have a computer at home that my child can use. What should we do?

- The class can be completed on a computer, tablet or phone. If you do not have one of these electronic devices that your child can use, please call the instructor at (616) 265-6727.

4. I've never used Zoom. How does it work?

- Simply click on the Zoom link provided. You don't need to have the Zoom app on your device for it to work. Arriving to the Zoom class 15 minutes early helps to make sure we can smooth out any technical issues that arise.

5. Does my child need to take a test as part of Prime For Life?

Yes, they will be completing both a pre and posttest as part of the requirements for the class. Participants will be taking the pretest at the beginning of the first class session, and the posttest at the end of the second session. The instructor will be available for questions and technical assistance during the test.

6. Much of what I read in the *Prime For Life Parent Guide* refers to alcohol. My child was caught with a different substance, not alcohol.

Prime For Life helps participants understand the process of substance dependence and addiction. While the program refers to alcohol the most, this process is similar for other substances as well (alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, vaping, prescription drugs, etc.).

7. Do parents need to attend Prime For Life?

Parents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

8. Is there a Zoom link for each day?

The Zoom link provided works for both days.

9. What happens if my child is unable to attend their scheduled class?

If your child is unable to make it to their scheduled class, please let the instructor know before the class starts so that they can rescheduled for an upcoming date. Call or text the instructor at (616) 265-6727. Participants must attend the entire first and second session to complete the program.

10. What should we expect during the two live Zoom sessions?

- Participants should open the Zoom link 15 minutes before the class begins. If you are having problems with Zoom, please call the instructor immediately.
- Each day of the class is 3 hours and 30 minutes long with three 10-minute breaks.
- Participants are required to have their cameras on and participate in activities and discussion.
- Participants will need to have access to their virtual Participant Workbook. We will be using the workbook throughout the entire program.

- Participants will be taking the pretest at the beginning of the first class session, and the posttest at the end of the second session. Each test generally takes around 10 minutes to complete.

11. Is there anything that needs to be done between the two classes?

Yes. The participant must work with a parent/guardian to complete the *Parent Interview* assignment. This completed document should be emailed to Aaron.Toffoli@kentcountymi.gov between the first and second session.

12. Is there anything that needs to be done after the Zoom sessions to complete the program?

- You will be contacted if we are missing either the Release of Information form or the Parent Interview.
- An evaluation will be emailed to you so that feedback can be provided on our program.
- A certificate of completion will be attached to that email as well.
- A survey will also be emailed to you 6 months after the completion of the program. This survey is used to check for long-term understanding of what was learned during the class.

**If you have any other questions or concerns,
please contact the instructor via phone or text at (616) 265-6727
or by email at Aaron.Toffoli@kentcountymi.gov .**