

LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Contents of all therapy sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal information and written records about a client cannot be shared with another party without the written consent of the client or the client's legal guardian. Noted exceptions are as follows:

Duty to Warn and Protect

When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the mental health professional is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to legal authorities. In cases in which the client discloses or implies a plan for suicide, the health care professional is required to notify legal authorities and make reasonable attempts to notify the family of the client.

Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults

If a client states or suggests that he or she is abusing a child (or vulnerable adult) or has recently abused a child (or vulnerable adult), or a child (or vulnerable adult) is in danger of abuse, the mental health professional is required to report this information to the appropriate social service and/or legal authorities.

Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances

Mental Health care professionals are required to report admitted prenatal exposure to controlled substances that are potentially harmful.

Minors Using Illegal Drugs and Alcohol

Parents and guardians of minors using drugs and alcohol have the right to be informed of current use, which includes any observation the therapist makes regarding behavior that might indicate a minor is currently under the influence of drugs or alcohol during a therapy session. A minor has the right to confidentiality regarding discussion of previous or contemplated use of drugs or alcohol.

Insurance Providers (when applicable)

Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given information that they request regarding services to clients. Information that may be requested includes, but is not limited to types of services, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries.

I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand their meanings and ramifications.

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Therapist Signature

Today's Date

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you fail to cancel a scheduled appointment, I cannot use this time for another client and you will be billed for the entire cost of your missed appointment.

A full session fee session is charged for missed appointments or cancellations with less than a 24-hour notice unless it is due to illness or an emergency. A bill will be mailed directly to all clients who do not show up for or cancel an appointment.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this important matter.

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Therapist Signature

Today's Date