

REFERRAL INFORMATION - Minor

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Today's Date: _____

Referral Information:

- 1) Referred by: _____
- 2) Describe in detail the behaviors that are of concern to you: _____

Child Information:

Child's name: _____ Sex: _____
Child's nickname (if any): _____ Male _____ Female
Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ Grade: _____
City, St, Zip: _____ School: _____
Telephone (Home): _____ Telephone (Other): _____

Family Information:

Mother: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____
Employer: _____ Work No.: _____
Does mother live in home? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, Address: _____ Phone No.: _____
(for insurance purposes) _____
Father: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____
Employer: _____ Work No.: _____
Does father live in home? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, Address: _____ Phone No.: _____
(for insurance purposes) _____
Others living in the home: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Social Issues:

Has your child had any particular adjustment/learning problems in school? Yes _____ No _____

Explain? _____

Social, religious, sports or activities that are a significant part of your family life: _____

With whom has the child lived with most of his/her life? _____

If not both parents, explain the circumstances: _____

PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Your Name: _____ Date: _____

This questionnaire is designed to help you indicate in what ways you might want some assistance.
Please check the appropriate response, or fill in the answer. **YOUR RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**

Brief description of the problem: _____

How long has it been a problem for you? _____

Have you had previous counseling or treatment? _____

Using the scale below, (5-Significant problem; 3-Some concern; 1-Does not apply), please circle the response that best describes problems you may have in the following areas:

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marriage/Partner? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Family? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Job/School Performance? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Alcohol/Drug Use? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Relationships? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Financial Situation? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Legal Situation? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| General Health? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Anxiety Level/Nerves? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Mood/Depressed? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Eating Habits? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Sleeping Habits? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Ability to Concentrate? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Child Rearing? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Ability to Control Temper? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Spirituality? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Other? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

HEALTH SUMMARY

Current Medical Problems:

Current Medications:

Allergies to Medications:

Primary Care Physician:

Smoker? Yes No If yes: # of packs per day _____ for _____ years.
If quite - year stopped: _____

Caffeine Drinks: Coffee Tea Cola Other _____
How many caffeine drinks per day? _____

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| Alcohol: Amount per day or week: _____ Type: _____ If now a non-user, year stopped: _____ | Drugs: Amount per day or week: _____ Type: _____ If now a non-user, year stopped: _____ |
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Family History (*Has any blood relative ever had any of the following?*)

| | |
|---|---|
| High blood pressure Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Depression Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancer Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Anxiety Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diabetes Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Alcohol abuse Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heart Trouble Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Drug abuse Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other: _____

Other Concerns:

Informed Consent for Treatment

Consent for Treatment:

I authorize and request my practitioner to carry out psychological and/or psychiatric exams, treatment and/or diagnostic procedures which now, or during the course of my treatment become, advisable. I understand the purpose of these procedures will be explained to me upon my request and that they are subject to my agreement. I also understand that while the course of my treatment is designed to be helpful, my practitioner can make no guarantees about the outcome of my treatment. Further, the psychotherapeutic process can bring up uncomfortable feelings and reactions such as anxiety, sadness, and anger. I understand that this is a normal response to working through unresolved life experiences and that these reactions will be worked on between my practitioner and me. **Initial here** _____

Confidentiality:

All communications made by you in the context of a therapeutic session are held in the strictest of confidence. Members of groups will be informed that they must be in agreement to participate. In order for information to be released to outside parties, you must sign a release of information. However, there are exceptions to confidentiality.

Exceptions to Confidentiality:

- 1) **Danger to self or others.** When information is communicated to a therapist that an individual intends to harm him/herself, or intends to harm another person(s), California law **mandates** that action must be taken to prevent harm. In the case of harm to self, such actions may include notifying family, the police, and/or psychiatric emergency teams from the county or psychiatric hospitals. In the case of harm to others, an attempt must be made to notify the intended victim and the police.

- 2) **Child Abuse/Elder Abuse/Abuse of Handicapped.** California law **mandates** that when a therapist (or other mandated reporter) receives information which creates a reasonable suspicion of:
 - a) child abuse or neglect (under 18 year of age)
 - b) elder abuse (over 65 years of age)
 - c) abuse of physically or mentally handicapped adults

information about the suspected abuse must be turned over to the appropriate governmental agency (i.e. child protective services, adult protective services).

Examples of child abuse can include, but are not limited to: slapping the child in the face, hitting in such a manner as to leave a mark on the child's body, punishment which results in physical injury or which psychologically traumatizes the child. Abuse also includes reasonable suspicion of sexual molestation. Neglect includes acts (or absence of acts) which could be reasonably construed as dangerous to the child's safety and well being.

Please note: State law requires that the therapist report such abusive situations even when the abuse was in the past, if there is reasonable suspicion that the child, elder, or handicapped individual is still in the situation where the abuse occurred, or if the abuser has direct access to their children, elders, or handicapped individuals. For example: If an adult states that he/she was abused as a child by a parent, and if that parent still has charge over the children, the situation must be reported.

- 3) **Escaping Prosecution.** When a client attempts to use therapy as a means of escaping prosecution for the commission of a crime.
- 4) **Insanity Plea.** When a client makes an “insanity plea” as a defense in criminal proceedings.
- 5) **Court order:** When a court orders a psychological evaluation as part of legal proceeding, or your medical record is subpoenaed by the court, all information provided is accessible to the court.
- 6) **Minors.** While it is useful for minors to have confidentiality during therapy, except in cases specified by law, the parents have a right to information provided by the minor in the course of therapy.

Other circumstances when confidentiality may be broken:

- 1) **Client’s choice.** If the client chooses to have a therapist release information to another individual(s) (i.e. medical doctor, new therapist, family member, clergy, etc.) he/she may do so by signing consent from which lists the person(s) or agency to receive the information, the type of information which will be released, and the duration for which the consent is valid.
- 2) **Insurance.** Confidentiality may be broken in order to provide the necessary information for processing insurance claims for reimbursement of clinical services. The client must consent to this release of information. The client’s refusal to allow the release of such information to an insurance carrier places the client at full financial responsibility for the consequences which may result.

This information is provided so that the client of psychotherapy can understand the legal and voluntary limits of confidentiality. It is not intended to discourage someone from disclosing a problem where a problem exists. If a problem, such as outlined above exists, it is best to acknowledge it and seek help from the appropriate agency.

I have read and understand the “Informed Consent for Treatment”.

Signature:

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date

Your Relationship to the Client

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date

Your Relationship to the Client

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES (MENTAL HEALTH)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) is a federal program that requires that all medical records and other individually identifiable mental health information used or disclosed by us in any form, whether electronically, on paper, or orally, are kept properly confidential. This Act gives you, the patient, significant new rights to understand and control how your mental health information is used. “HIPAA” provides penalties for covered

As required by “HIPAA”, we have prepared this explanation of how we are required to maintain the privacy of your mental health information and how we may use and disclose your health information.

We may use and disclose your mental health records only for each of the following purposes: treatment, payment and health care operations.

- **Treatment** means providing, coordinating, or managing mental health care and related services by one or more mental health care providers.
- **Payment** means such activities as obtaining reimbursement for services, confirming coverage, billing or collection activities, and utilization review. An example of this would be sending a bill for your visit to
- **Health care operations** include the business aspects of funding our practice, such as conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, auditing functions, cost-management analysis, and customer service. An example would be an internal quality assessment review.

We may also create and distribute de-identified health information by removing all references to individually identifiable information.

We may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

Any other uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization. You may revoke such authorization in writing and we are required to honor and abide by that written request, except to the extent that we have already taken actions relying on your authorization.

You have the following rights with respect to your protected mental health related information, which you can exercise by presenting a written request to the Privacy Officer:

- The right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosure of protected mental health information, including those related to disclosures to family members, other relatives, close personal friends, or any other person identified by you. We are, however, not required to agree to a requested restriction. If we do agree to a restriction, we must abide by it unless you agree in writing to remove it.

- The right to reasonable requests to receive confidential communications or protected mental health information from us by alternative means or at alternative locations.
- The right to inspect and copy your protected mental health information.
- The right to amend your protected mental health information.
- The right to receive an accounting of disclosures of protected mental health information.
- The right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us upon request.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected mental health information and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected mental health information.

This notice is effective as of _____, 20_____ and we are required to abide by the terms of the Notice of Privacy Practices currently in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice of Privacy Practices and to make the new notice provisions effective for all protected health information that we maintain. We will post and you may request a written copy of a revised Notice of Privacy Practices from this office.

You have recourse if you feel that your privacy protections have been violated. You have the right to file written complaint with our office, or with the Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, about violations of the provisions of this notice or the policies and procedures of our office. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Please contact us for more information:

For more information about HIPAA or to file a complaint:

The U. S. Department of Health & Human Services
 Office of Civil Rights
 200 Independence Avenue, S. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20201
 (202) 619-0257
 Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

Signature:

 (Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date: _____

Your Relationship to the Client:

 (Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date: _____

Your Relationship to the Client:

Authorization for Disclosure of Confidential Mental Health Information (HIPAA)

Client Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

My therapist; _____

is authorized to release and disclose information to:

(Name of Person or Organization)

(If applicable) _____ (Name of Person or Organization)

is authorized to release and disclose information to my therapist; (Name of Therapist)

Specific Information to be Released/Obtained (Please select only one):

All health/mental health information including diagnosis and treatment received.

Only the following records or type of information:

Please specify if any information is to be excluded:

This disclosure of information authorized by Client is required for the following purpose:

This authorization shall become effective on: _____ / _____ / _____ and will expire in one year.

A photocopy or facsimile of this form is to be considered as valid as the original.

Please note: If you have authorized the disclosure of your mental health information to someone who is not legally required to keep it confidential, it may be redisclosed and may no longer be protected. California law prohibits recipients of your health information from redisclosing such information except with your written authorization or as specifically required or permitted by law.

Your Rights:

- You may refuse to sign this Authorization.
- effective when your therapist received it. However, this revocation will not extend to information that was already obtained or released (used or disclosed) prior to the revocation.
- You have the right to receive a copy of this Authorization.
- You may inspect or obtain a copy of your mental health information, within the limits of California and federal laws.
- Neither treatment, payment, enrollment nor eligibility for benefits will be conditioned on your providing or refusing to provide this Authorization.

Signature:

Date:

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Your Relationship to the Client:

Date:

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Your Relationship to the Client:

Authorization for the Request, Release, or Exchange of Information

Client Name: _____

Information requested/released/exchanged:

Name/Agency _____

Address: _____

Information requested/released/exchanged:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____ Psychiatric evaluation | _____ Insurance Information for | _____ Judicial documents |
| _____ Psychological tests/results | _____ claims for payment of services | _____ Consultation reports |
| _____ Progress Notes | _____ Dates of hospitalization | _____ All educational records |
| _____ Medication plans | _____ Chemical recovery reports | _____ Education tests/reports |
| _____ Treatment plans | _____ Diagnoses | |
| _____ Other (specify): _____ | | |

Purpose for release/exchange:

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| _____ Diagnoses and treatment | _____ Insurance purposes |
| _____ Other (specify): _____ | |

This information may be communicated in the following manner:

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| _____ All means listed | _____ Oral and written/photocopies | _____ FAX |
| _____ Oral | _____ Written/photocopies | |

Authorization For The Request, Release, Or Exchange Of Information

The authorization is effective immediately and is subject to revocation at any time, except to the extent that action has already been taken. Otherwise, this authorization expires one year from the date of signing. I am aware or have been advised of the provisions of state and federal statutes, rules and regulations which provide for my right to confidentiality of the information in these records. I realize that this is a voluntary consent and I must willingly and knowingly sign this authorization before any records can be released. I may refuse to sign, but in that event the records cannot and will not be released/exchanged. I realize the quality of my care may be affected by failure to secure these records. Failure to sign this for purposes of insurance reimbursement may jeopardize financial reimbursement by the insurance company.

Signature of client/parent/guardian/conservator

Date

Relationship to client

Signature of David C. Lichti, LMFT, or representative

Information released by

Date

To parties receiving this document: A photocopy or FAX of this release is as valid as the original.

Emergency Access Procedure

Emergency Access:

If you have an emergency, after regular office hours, you should call the main office number (602-6814) to access your therapist personal voice mail extension and from there you will be instructed on how to reach your therapist or how to leave your therapist a message. If this is an extreme emergency and you are unable to leave a message or wait for your therapist to call you back please hang up and call 911.

I have read and understand the above statement.

Signature:

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date:

Your Relationship to the Client:

(Client/Parent/Guardian/Conservator)

Date:

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