

# Mountain Wolfe Counseling & Wellness LLC

## Intake Form

Please print clearly. Please fill out form completely.

Readmit:  Yes  No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Client's Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

OK to leave messages? Home:  Yes  No Work:  Yes  No Cell:  Yes  No

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Can Emails be sent:  Y  N

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  F  M Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Information:

In case of emergency, contact:

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Can your PCP be contacted for continuity of care, if needed:  Yes  Refused

### Employment Information

Client/Guardian: Place \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: Place \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

### Referral Source

How did you hear of Mountain Wolfe Counseling & Wellness LLC ?

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary reason(s) for seeking services:

Anger management  Anxiety  Coping  Depression  
 Eating Disorder  Fear/phobias  Mental confusion  Sexual concerns  
 Sleeping problems  Addictive behavior  Alcohol/drugs  Past Trauma  
 Other mental health or behavioral concerns (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

How old were you when you first felt these symptoms? \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional information that would assist in understanding your concerns or problems? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check behaviors and symptoms that occur to you more often than you would like them to take place:**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression/Hostility          | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Impairment                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paranoid                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher than usual mood                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overly Sensitive         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug dependence                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Phobias/fears            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panic Attacks                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Racing thoughts                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid speech             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Outbursts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring thoughts       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol abuse/dependence      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual addiction         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual difficulties      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoiding people               | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart palpitations                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sick often               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating disorder               | <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Worrying                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homicidal ideation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hopelessness                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Distractibility          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech problems               | <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment errors                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Disorientation           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer addiction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Impulsivity                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal thoughts        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Irritability                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts disorganized    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trembling                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior problems                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive (home/school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty getting along with | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with intimate relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination problems     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiating                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender issues/identity   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Career conflict          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low energy                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Obsessions                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)          |

Describe how the above symptoms impair your ability to function effectively (e.g., socially, occupationally, academically, emotionally, physically) \_\_\_\_\_

**Stressors:** (Check all that apply)

- |  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated retirement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a parent                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth of first child    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic illness        | <input type="checkbox"/> Court trial        | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in financial status       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth of a sibling      | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict w/boss        | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict w/child   | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict w/co-worker             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakup of relationship | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict w/teacher     | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of a child   | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of a friend                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in residence     | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of parent        | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of spouse    | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of grandparent             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of employment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce            | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce of parents               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of school        | <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement             | <input type="checkbox"/> Family conflict    | <input type="checkbox"/> Illness (child/parent)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job dissatisfaction     | <input type="checkbox"/> Job layoff             | <input type="checkbox"/> Job stress         | <input type="checkbox"/> Job termination                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawsuit                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital discord        | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parental Discord        | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse (physical, sexual, verbal) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement              | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming surgery   | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime (witness/victim)           |

**What areas of your life are being affected by the above?**

**Social**

- Unable to form or maintain friendships
- Withdrawal from family and friends  
(excessive desire to be alone)
- Increased conflict with others
- Loss of interest in social activities
- Phobias

**Occupational**

- Unable to maintain job
- Absenteeism
- Conflicts with co-workers
- Tardiness
- Reduced productivity
- Disciplinary action for poor performance

**Affective Distress**

- Crying spells
- Irritability

**Physical**

- Decreased energy/fatigue
- Difficulty getting out of bed or insomnia

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- Anger/rage
- Disorganized thoughts
- Feeling overwhelmed with emotions
- Emotional meltdowns/breakdowns
- Worrying that interferes with the ability to concentrate
- Memory problems
- Concentration problems
- Decreased/Increased appetite
- Substantial weight loss or gain
- Physical complaints (headaches, stomachaches, etc.)
- Frequent illness

**Family Information**

Your current relationship status:

- Single     Divorce in process     Unmarried, living together     Legally married
- Separated     Divorced     Widowed     Annulment
- Engaged     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If married, date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ # of times married: \_\_\_\_\_ # of times divorced: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessment of relationship with significant other (if applicable)  Good  Fair  Poor  N/A

Name	Age	<u>Highest level</u> of education	Occupation?	Living? (Yes or No)	<u>Living</u> with you? (Yes or No)
Mother: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Children: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Significant others in your life (brothers, sisters, grandparents, relatives, step-relatives)

Please specify relationship:

Relationship	Name	Age	Living? Yes/No	Living w/you? Yes/No
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Parental Information** (Check those which apply)

- Parents legally married     Parents separated     Parents divorced
- Mother remarried # of times: \_\_\_\_\_     Father remarried # of times: \_\_\_\_\_

Special circumstances (e.g., raised by person other than parent) \_\_\_\_\_

**Counseling/Prior Treatment History** (Information about client past and present)

	Yes	No	When	Where	Overall experience
Mental Health Counseling	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suicidal thoughts/attempts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drug/Alcohol treatment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M.H. Hospitalizations	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Involvement w/self-help	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groups (AA, al-alnon, etc.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Any immediate family in treatment currently? If yes, whom and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous mental health diagnosis(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to contact Prior Mental Health professionals/hospitals?  Yes  No  N/A

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**Development**

Are there special, unusual, or traumatic circumstances that affected your development? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If Yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

Has there been history of child abuse? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If Yes, which? \_\_\_Sexual \_\_\_Physical \_\_\_Verbal

Other childhood issues \_\_\_Neglect \_\_\_Inadequate nutrition \_\_\_Poor health \_\_\_Other:\_\_\_\_\_

Comments regarding childhood development\_\_\_\_\_

**Social Relationships**

Check how you generally get along with other people (check all that apply)

\_\_\_Affectionate \_\_\_Aggressive \_\_\_Avoidant \_\_\_Fight/argue often \_\_\_Follower

\_\_\_Friendly \_\_\_Leader \_\_\_Outgoing \_\_\_Shy/Withdrawn \_\_\_Submissive

\_\_\_Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have supportive friendships? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Sexual orientation\_\_\_\_\_Comments\_\_\_\_\_

Sexual dysfunctions? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Any history of being abused by others? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If yes, what type(s) of abuse?

\_\_\_Emotional \_\_\_Sexual \_\_\_Physical \_\_\_Verbal \_\_\_Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Any current behaviors or history as sexual perpetrator? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a history of social problems (e.g. bullying, awkward social interactions)\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural/Ethnic**

To which cultural or ethnic group do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you experiencing any problems due to cultural or ethnic issues? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If Yes, describe\_\_\_\_\_

Other cultural/ethnic information\_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual/Religious**

How important to you are spiritual matters to you? \_\_\_Not at all \_\_\_Little \_\_\_Moderate \_\_\_Much

Are you affiliated with a spiritual or religious group? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If Yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Were you raised within a spiritual or religious group? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If Yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your spiritual/religious beliefs incorporated into the counseling? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If Yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Legal Status**

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Are you involved in any active cases (traffic, civil, criminal)? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
If Yes, please describe and indicate the court and hearing/trial dates and changes \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently on probation or parole? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
If Yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Are you:  voluntarily attending therapy?  Court ordered to therapy?

**Past Legal History**

Traffic violations \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No DWI, DUI, etc. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Criminal involvement \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Civil involvement \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If you responded Yes to any of the above, please fill in the following information.

Charges	Date	Where (city)	Results
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Education** (Fill in all that apply)

Currently enrolled in school \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
\_\_\_High school grad/GED Average school grades (current or previous) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_Vocational Number of years \_\_\_ Graduated \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Major \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_College Number of years \_\_\_ Graduated \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Major \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_Graduate Number of years \_\_\_ Graduated \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Other training \_\_\_\_\_  
Special circumstances (e.g., learning disabilities, gifted) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment** (Begin with most recent job, list job history)

Employer	Dates	Title	Reason left the job	How often miss work?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Currently: \_\_\_FT \_\_\_PT \_\_\_Temp \_\_\_Laid-off \_\_\_Disabled \_\_\_Retired \_\_\_Social Security \_\_\_Student \_\_\_Other

**Military**

Military experience? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Combat experience? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge date \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Rank at discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Relative family member in the service? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Who? \_\_\_\_\_

**Leisure/Recreational/Interests/Social**

Describe special areas of interest or hobbies (e.g., art, books, crafts, physical fitness, sports, outdoor activities, church activities, walking, exercising, diet/health, hunting, fishing, bowling, traveling, social organizations, etc.)

Activity	How often now?	How often in the past?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Medical/Physical Health Condition** (Check any problem areas you have or have had)

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For each illness listed below, choose a single answer that best describes your health history.

Condition	Currently	In Past	Never	Condition	Currently	In past	Never
Abortion				Loss of consciousness			
Anemia				Memory loss			
Appetite change				Numbness			
Arthritis				Pain (daily, longer than 2 weeks)			
Asthma				Palpitations			
Back pain				Paralysis			
Blood in stool				Rheumatic fever			
Blurred vision				Seizures			
Caffeine use				Shortness of breath			
Chest pain				Skin disease			
Chicken pox				Sleep apnea			
Chronic cough				Sleep difficulties			
Colitis or irritable bowel				Stroke or TIA			
Confusion or disorientation				Swallowing difficulty			
Constipation				Dental problems			
Diabetes				Thyroid disease			
Diarrhea				Tuberculosis			
Dizziness				Ulcers or indigestion			
Emphysema				Urination difficulty			
Fainting				Sexually transmitted disease			
Glaucoma				Weakness			
Head injury				Recent Weight gain			
Headaches (frequent)				Recent Weight loss			
Hearing loss				Malnutrition			
Heart disease				Epilepsy			
Miscarriage				HIV/AIDS			
Infertility				Hepatitis			
Low libido				Energy level change			
Multiple sclerosis				Other			

List any current health concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

List any recent health or physical changes: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all of your current prescription and non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications:

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Name of your current medicine	What do you use it for?	When did you begin taking it?	What is the strength of each tablet or capsule	What dose do you take, and how often?	When was the most recent dosage change?	Prescribing Doctor

Please list all medication that you have taken in the past.

Name of your previous medicine	What did you use it for?	How long did you take it?	When did you stop taking it?	Why was it stopped?	Did the medicine cause any problems?	Prescribing Doctor

Will you sign for permission to contact your prescribing doctor, if not your PCP?  Yes  No  N/A

Describe your overall compliance with the above medications \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all nutritional and herbal supplements that you currently take: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you ever had any bad reactions (made you feel worse) to prior medications (if so, specify):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Nutrition	How often	Typical foods eaten	Typical amount eaten
Meal			
Breakfast	____/week	_____	_____
Lunch	____/week	_____	_____
Dinner	____/week	_____	_____
Snacks	____/week	_____	_____

Additional comments on nutrition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel suicidal at this time?  Yes  No    Do you feel homicidal at this time?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently involved in any risk taking behaviors?  Yes  No  
 Please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**List family history of mental illness/substance abuse:**

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Mother=MO Father=FA Sibling=S Grandmother=GM Grandfather=GF

Family History of:	Currently	In the Past	Never
Substance Abuse			
Anxiety			
Depression			
Manic Depression (Bipolar)			
Suicide Attempt			
Death by suicide			
Nervous Breakdown			
Addictive Behaviors (eating, sexual, etc.)			
Psychiatric Hospitalizations			

Do any of these illnesses significantly challenge or limit your ability to function at work or home?

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Chemical Use History** – Have you EVER used any of the following?

Drug	Method of use/amount	Frequency of use	Age of first use	Age of last use
Alcohol				
“Meth”amphetamines				
Barbiturates				
Valium/Librium				
Cocaine/Crack				
Heroin/Opiates				
Marijuana				
PCP/LSD/Mescaline				
Inhalants				
Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan				
Caffeine				
Nicotine				
Over-the-Counter				
Prescription drugs				
Other				

**Substance(s) of preference**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe when and where you typically use substances: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any changes in your use pattern: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how your use has affected your family or friends (include their perceptions of your use):

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Reason(s) for use:

Addicted       Build confidence       Escape       Self-medication  
 Socialization       Taste       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you believe your substance use affects your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who or what has helped you in stopping or limiting your use? \_\_\_\_\_

- Has your use of alcohol or drugs interfered with your obligations at work?
- Has your use of alcohol or drugs interfered with your obligations at school?
- Has your use of alcohol or drugs interfered with your obligations at home?
  
- Have you used alcohol or drugs while driving a vehicle or operating machinery?
- Have you ever been arrested as a result of drinking or using drugs?
- Have you continued to use alcohol/drugs despite having problems caused by the effects of alcohol/drugs?
  
- Have you ever used more alcohol/drugs in order to achieve the desired effect?
- Has there become a markedly diminished effect with the continued use of the same amount of the substance?
- Have you ever needed to take a drink or use a drug in the morning in order to relieve a hangover?
  
- Have you ever used substances in larger amounts or over a longer period of time than was initially intended?
- Have you attempted to cut down or control the amount of drinking or drug use without success?
- Have you spent a great amount of time in activities necessary to obtain the alcohol or drugs?
  
- Have you given up or reduced important social, occupational, or recreational activities because of your use of alcohol or drugs?
- Have you continued to use alcohol or drugs despite knowing physical, psychological, or legal problems are likely to occur?

Is there anything further that you would like to add in regard to your overall history?

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### Goals for Therapy

Please list your goals for therapy. In other words, what do you want to see changed by coming to therapy?

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By signing below, I am indicating that the above information is accurate to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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For Office Use Only:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Therapist's Signature/Credentials

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Mountain Wolfe Counseling & Wellness LLC**

**Informed Consent for Therapy Services**

**COUNSELOR-CLIENT SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**Client Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to my practice. This document contains important information about my professional services and business policies. It also contains summary of where in the office information can be found about the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), a federal law that provides privacy protections and patient rights about the use and disclosure of your Protected Health Information (PHI) for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations. A copy of the HIPAA, PHI, and patient rights will be provided to you upon request. Although these documents are long and sometimes complex, it is very important that you understand them. When you sign this document, it will also represent an agreement between us. We can discuss any questions you have when you sign them or at any time in the future.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

Therapy is a relationship between people that works in part because of clearly defined rights and responsibilities held by each person. As a client in psychotherapy, you have certain rights and responsibilities that are important for you to understand. There are also legal limitations to those rights that you should be aware of. I, as your therapist, have corresponding responsibilities to you. These rights and responsibilities are described in the following sections.

Psychotherapy has both benefits and risks. Risks may include experiencing uncomfortable feelings, such as sadness, guilt, anxiety, anger, frustration, loneliness and helplessness, because the process of psychotherapy often requires discussing the unpleasant aspects of your life. However, psychotherapy has been shown to have benefits for individuals who undertake it. Therapy often leads to a significant reduction in feelings of distress, increased satisfaction in interpersonal relationships, greater personal awareness and insight, increased skills for managing stress and resolutions to specific problems. But, there are no guarantees about what will happen. Psychotherapy requires a very active effort on your part. In order to be most successful, you will have to work on things we discuss outside of sessions.

The first few sessions will involve a comprehensive evaluation of your needs. By the end of the evaluation, I will be able to offer you some initial impressions of what our work might include. At that point, we will discuss your treatment goals and create an initial treatment plan. You should evaluate this information and make your own assessment about whether you feel comfortable working with me. If you have questions about my procedures, we should discuss them whenever they arise. If your doubts persist, I will be happy to help you set up a meeting with another mental health professional for a second opinion.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments will ordinarily be 45-50 minutes in duration, once per week at a time we agree on, although some sessions may be more or less frequent as needed. The time scheduled for your appointment is assigned to you and you alone. If you need to cancel or reschedule a session, I ask that you provide me with 24 hours notice. If you miss a session without canceling, or cancel with less than 24 hour notice, my policy is to collect the full amount that would have been due for the missed appointment [unless we both agree that you were unable to attend due to circumstances beyond your control]. You are responsible for coming to your session on time; if you are late, your appointment will still need to end on time.

**PROFESSIONAL FEES**

The standard fee for the initial intake is \$115.00 and each subsequent session is \$100.00. You are responsible for paying at the time of your session unless prior arrangements have been made. Payment may be made by check, cash, debit or credit card. Any checks returned to my office are subject to an additional fee of up to \$25.00 to cover the bank fee that I incur. If you refuse to pay your debt, I reserve the right to use an attorney or collection agency to secure payment.

In addition to weekly appointments, it is my practice to charge this amount on a prorated basis (I will break down the hourly cost) for other professional services that you may require such as report writing, telephone conversations that last longer than 15 minutes, attendance at meetings or consultations which you have requested, or the time required to perform any other service which you may request of me. If you anticipate becoming involved in a court case, I recommend that we discuss this fully before you waive your right to confidentiality. If your case requires my participation, you will be expected to pay for the professional time required even if another party compels me to testify.

**PROFESSIONAL RECORDS**

I am required to keep appropriate records of the psychological services that I provide. Your records are maintained in a secure location in the office. I keep brief records noting that you were here, your reasons for seeking therapy, the goals and progress we set for treatment, your diagnosis, topics we discussed, your medical, social, and treatment history, records I receive from other providers, copies of records I send to others, and your billing records. Except in unusual circumstances that involve danger to yourself, you have the right to a copy of your file. Because these are professional records, they may be misinterpreted and / or upsetting to untrained readers. For this reason, I recommend that you initially review them with me, or have them forwarded to another mental health professional to discuss the contents. If I refuse your request for access to your records, you have a right to have my decision reviewed by another mental health professional, which I will discuss with you upon your request. You also have the right to request that a copy of your file be made available to any other health care provider at your written request.

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**CONFIDENTIALITY**

My policies about confidentiality, as well as other information about your privacy rights, are fully described in a separate document that is available to you in a binder in the office. You can have your own copy of your rights at any time you request. Please remember that you may reopen the conversation at any time during our work together regarding confidentiality and your rights.

**PARENTS & MINORS**

While privacy in therapy is crucial to successful progress, parental involvement can also be essential. It is my policy not to provide treatment to a child under age 13 unless s/he agrees that I can share whatever information I consider necessary with a parent. For children 14 and older, I request an agreement between the client and the parents allowing me to share general information about treatment progress and attendance, as well as a treatment summary upon completion of therapy. All other communication will require the child’s agreement, unless I feel there is a safety concern (see also above section on Confidentiality for exceptions), in which case I will make every effort to notify the child of my intention to disclose information ahead of time and make every effort to handle any objections that are raised.

**CONTACTING ME**

I am often not immediately available by telephone. I do not answer my phone when I am with clients or otherwise unavailable. At these times, you may leave a message on my confidential voice mail and your call will be returned as soon as possible, but it may take a day or two for non-urgent matters. If, for any number of unseen reasons, you do not hear from me or I am unable to reach you, and you feel you cannot wait for a return call or if you feel unable to keep yourself safe, 1) go to your Local Hospital Emergency Room, or 2) call 911 and ask to speak to the mental health worker on call. I will make every attempt to inform you in advance of planned absences, and provide you with the name and phone number of the mental health professional covering my practice.

**OTHER RIGHTS**

If you are unhappy with what is happening in therapy, I hope you will talk with me so that I can respond to your concerns. Such comments will be taken seriously and handled with care and respect. You may also request that I refer you to another therapist and are free to end therapy at any time. You have the right to considerate, safe and respectful care, without discrimination as to race, ethnicity, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, or source of payment. You have the right to ask questions about any aspects of therapy and about my specific training and experience. You have the right to expect that I will not have social or sexual relationships with clients or with former clients.

**CONSENT TO PSYCHOTHERAPY**

Your signature below indicates that you have read this Agreement and the Notice of Privacy Practices and agree to their terms. You are also acknowledging that you have been offered a copy of Notice of Privacy and HIPPA documents.

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Signature of Patient or Personal Representative

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Printed Name of Patient or Personal Representative

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist Signature / Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Case # \_\_\_\_\_