

## **Client Bill of Rights**

1. You have the right to choose when to begin and when to terminate therapy.

2. You have the right to request a referral to another therapist or agency.

3. You have the right to receive information regarding fees for services and "late cancel" and "no show" fees.

4. You have the right to receive respectful treatment in a safe environment free from sexual, physical and emotional abuse or illegal behaviors. You have the right to have your cultural, spiritual and personal values respected.

5. You have the right to request information regarding your therapist's qualifications, licensure, education, training, experience and limits of practice.

6. You have the right to share only the information that you wish to disclose.

- a) Your signed informed consent must be given before audio or video recording.
- b) Your therapist may consult with the other clinicians regarding details of your treatment as a normal part of best practice, but none of your identifying information will be revealed without your written consent.
- c) If you are court ordered to be evaluated or to attend therapy, there may be legal consequences for your refusal to cooperate and insurance may not cover the cost of "court ordered" counseling.

7. You have the right to know your diagnosis, your treatment goals and your progress if you request that information.

8. You have the right to keep what you tell your therapist private and confidential unless you give permission to share the information with others. However, there are some situations in which your therapist is required by law to report with or without your permission, such as:

- a) If you threaten to hurt another person, your therapist must warn that person and the authorities;
- b) If there is physical or sexual to abuse to a minor or disabled individual, your therapist must report it to the proper authorities;
- c) If you are suicidal or at risk of hurting yourself, your therapist must report to the police department or emergency contact so they can check on you;
- d) If your therapist receives a court order subpoenaing case records or testimony.

9. You may review your therapist's code of ethics and request a copy. We encourage you to report any concerns to our office manager.

**Client Signature** 

Date

Print Name