



SHERIDAN HOUSE FAMILY MINISTRIES COUNSELING CENTER

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ADULT INTAKE FORM

Client Name: _____ Gender: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ May we leave a message here? Yes No

Primarily Living With: Spouse Parents Children Self Other (specify: _____)

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Church/Religious Affiliation: _____ Active Inactive

Highest Education Level: _____ Occupation: _____

Employed By: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Children Names & Ages: _____

Would you like to receive email notifications about your appointment? Yes No

If yes, please provide email address: _____

Would you like to receive text message notifications about your appointment? Yes No

If different number than the one above, please provide it here: _____

Will you require accommodations for physical and/or medical reasons during the sessions? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you currently prescribed medication? Yes No

If yes, please list each medication and dosage: _____

Have you previously participated in counseling? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ Counselor name: _____

Please briefly describe the main issue you are seeking help for: _____



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INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Please read through the following informed consent agreement. Contained in this document are the expectations for the therapist, the client, and the counseling sessions. Counseling and psychotherapy represent a unique relationship between the therapist and the client based on trust and openness and should not be entered into lightly. Once you have read this document, and have had all questions answered to your satisfaction, please sign and date it at the end. For purposes of clarity, the terms “counselor” and “therapist” may be used interchangeably. The signor of this document (or the minor being represented) will be referred to as “client”.

Services Provided The Sheridan House Counseling Center provides individual, marriage, family, and group counseling (when available). The Counseling Center is staffed by licensed professionals and may at times also supervise registered interns who are working toward licensure, as well as student interns working toward a degree. Clients will always be made aware when an intern is involved. Services can be provided either in person or via telehealth. As licensed professionals, the counselors are able to work with mental health issues and diagnoses. In addition, counseling will be provided from a Christian perspective, and may include bible reading and prayer when appropriate. Clients have the right to inform their counselor as to the amount of spiritual emphasis they are comfortable with in their sessions. Sheridan House does not provide medical, psychiatric, or psychological testing services. Clients requiring such services will receive referrals from their counselor.

Sheridan House does not provide emergency crisis intervention. Clients who feel they are in a crisis situation should call 9-1-1 or go to their nearest emergency room.

For counseling to have the greatest chance for effectiveness, the client should voluntarily agree to treatment. The client agrees to remain open and honest with the therapist and will be receptive to feedback and instruction. The client further understands that counseling can and will often be uncomfortable. Clients and therapists both agree to participate fully in the session and will be prepared accordingly. Because the relationship is voluntary in nature, either the therapist or the client may terminate services at any time. This may be for a variety of reasons, including lack of “therapeutic fit”, conflicting schedules, or other circumstances which are prohibitive to the counseling process. Whenever possible, the therapist will provide the client with potential alternative providers.

Confidentiality Statement Sheridan House will maintain confidentiality for all clients and families seeking help. There are limits to confidentiality, as mandated by law. These limits include issues surrounding safety (abuse, self-harm, harm to others), supervision/consultation, and court-ordered release of records. All records are maintained and stored securely. All communications are compliant with regulations per the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Client Responsibilities It is important that the client is on time for scheduled sessions. If a client is late, the amount of “lost time” will likely not be able to be made up, as there are often other appointments scheduled after theirs. **Clients who are more than twenty (20) minutes late without any type of notice are considered a “no-show” or a failed appointment. Failed appointments will be subject to a \$65 session fee, as the time was reserved in good faith, thereby making the time unavailable for other clients.** Clients may cancel or reschedule their appointments but must do so at least 24 hours prior to the appointment in order to avoid being charged for a failed appointment. Sheridan House will not call clients to remind them of their appointment due to confidentiality safeguards. However, clients may request an email and/or text confirmation of their appointment.

Financial Commitment Sessions are typically fifty (50) minutes in length. Session fees are \$150 per session. Clients may pay with cash or check at the time of the session, or they may pay online through the Sheridan House website. **Payments must be made prior to the start of the session.** Clients may request financial assistance either through church-sponsored sessions, or through applying for a session fee reduction based on household income. Applications for financial assistance must be completed annually. Clients who fall behind in paying for sessions may be required to pay their balance before scheduling another appointment. Sheridan House does not bill directly to health insurance companies. However, clients are welcome to seek reimbursement from their insurance company if they choose.



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PRIVACY NOTICE

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

- 1. Uses and Disclosures:** Sheridan House Family Ministries (SHFM) is permitted by law to disclose the minimum necessary personal health information of each client to carry out treatment, payment, and health care operations. Treatment disclosures may be made to physicians and other health care providers as necessary to proceed with the appropriate treatment and care of clients. Personal health information may be disclosed to the government or other third-party payers (e.g., insurance) for the purpose of obtaining payment for services provided. Personal health information may be disclosed to carry out the daily operations such as scheduling and appointment reminders, quality reviews, supervision, audits, healthcare oversight responsibilities, accounting, and legal services. Use and disclosure of protected health information will be according to law and what is permitted and may include public health activities.
- 2. Required Authorizations:** Unless otherwise permitted or required by law, SHFM will not disclose any client's personal health information for any purpose aside from what is listed in paragraph 1 without that client's authorized consent to such disclosure. Upon request for such authorization, the client shall have the right to refuse and/or revoke any disclosure of that client's personal health information. The national privacy law permits disclosing personal health information to a parent or guardian of the client; however, this information is protected for family planning services of minors and will not be disclosed without an authorization from the client.
- 3. Privacy Compliance:** In accordance with the privacy regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (the "Privacy Regulations"), SHFM has adopted privacy policies regarding the use and disclosure of clients' personal health information. SHFM is committed to complying with the Privacy Regulations and all other laws and regulations regarding clients' rights to privacy.
- 4. Clients' Rights:** Clients have the right to access their medical records and to access an accounting of disclosures. SHFM may, however, deny access if permitted or required by law. Clients also have the right to request amendments. SHFM may, however, deny the amendment request under certain circumstances (for example, if it is determined that the protected health information is accurate and complete). Clients have the right to issue complaints regarding their privacy rights, or if they believe their privacy rights have been violated. Complaints must be issued in writing and may be presented to Sheridan House Family Ministries, the Department of Health, or the U.S. department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation against a client for the filing of a complaint.
- 5. Additional Information:** For additional information regarding our privacy policy, please contact our Privacy Officer. SHFM reserves the right to change this Notice and to make the revised and changed Notice effective for medical information that we already have about a client, as well as any information that we receive subsequently. A copy of the current Notice will be posted and a client may also request a copy.



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FREEDOM FROM TESTIMONY AGREEMENT

Client(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Name (if client is a minor): _____ Relationship to Minor Client: _____

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I/We, the undersigned, understand and agree that my/our therapist will provide psychotherapeutic services (e.g., marriage counseling, family therapy, and/or individual counseling) to myself, my child, or other family members. This is with the stipulation that our counselor will not be called or deposed as a witness in any matter in which we are involved, either together or separately. This includes, but is not limited to, divorce proceedings, custody disputes, or other legal issues in which our counselor would be required to break confidence and provide testimony that could be detrimental to our therapeutic relationship. Our therapist is immune from being compelled to give testimony or deposition unless he/she feels it would be ethically appropriate to do so.

By my/our signature(s) below, I/we acknowledge we have had this agreement explained to my/our satisfaction and agree to enter into this agreement with the understanding that the therapist named below, or anyone associated with Sheridan House Family Ministries will not be called upon to testify due to any issue discussed in therapy.

Client Signature

Date

Client Signature

Date

Parent Signature if Client is a Minor

Date

Parent Signature if Client is a Minor

Date

Therapist Signature

Date