



The Center of Connected Living -FL

PART 1: Your Rights as Client(s)

1. You have the right to ask questions about any procedures used during therapy; if you wish, I will explain my approach and methods to you. If I see a child under the age of 18, all custodial parents have the right to information shared in session unless I determine that the sharing of such information would harm the child. If I determined this to be the case, I would share my concerns with you and outline our legal options.
2. You have the right to decide not to receive therapeutic assistance from me; if you wish, I will provide you with the names of other qualified professionals whose services you might prefer at a cost equal to or less than my own usual and customary fee.
3. You have the right to end therapy at any time without any moral, legal, or financial obligations other than those already accrued. I ask that you contact me by phone if you make such a decision without consulting with me.
4. You have a right to review most of your records in the files at any time. If you wish to do so, please ask in advance of your session. I do not keep any "secret notes," so please do not ask me to do so.
5. One of your most important rights involves confidentiality. Confidentiality is not the same as privileged information. Within limits of the law, information revealed by you during therapy will be kept strictly confidential and will not be revealed to any other person or agency without your written permission. Possible exceptions to confidentiality include court orders and the reporting of abuse or neglect (see #7 below), fee disputes, negligence suits against the therapist or the filing of a complaint with the licensing board. If you have a financial balance, you will be sent a bill to the home address on the intake form unless you advise me otherwise. Any confidentiality concerns should be discussed with me at the time they occur.
6. If you request it, any part of your record in the files can be released to any person or agency you designate. I will tell you at the time whether or not I think releasing the information in question to that person or agency might be harmful in any way to you.
7. You should also know that there are certain situations in which I am required by law to reveal information obtained during therapy to other persons or agencies without your permission. Also, I am not required to inform you of my actions in this regard. These situations are as follows: (a) If a court of law issues a legitimate court order, I am required by law to provide the information specifically described in the order; (b) If you reveal information relative to child abuse, child neglect, or elder abuse, I am required by law to report this to the appropriate authority; and (c) if you are in therapy by order of a court of law, the results of the treatment ordered must be revealed to the court.
8. If you threaten grave bodily harm or death to yourself or another person, I may choose to inform others, including (but not limited to) appropriate law enforcement and/or medical agencies.
9. You have the right to know about the possible risks of therapy, which sometimes includes personal and relational discomfort and intense feelings (see below under RISKS).