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ADOLESCENT/CHILD APPLICATION

APPLICATION

Name of Therapist _____ Date _____
 Your Name _____ SS # _____
 Maiden/Birth Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
 Marital Status _____ Highest Grade Completed _____
 Place of Employment: _____ Occupation: _____
 Referred by: _____ Previous Counseling (Yes/No): _____

Responsible Party if Minor:

Mother _____ Phone _____
 Father _____ Phone _____
 Guardian _____ Phone _____

I understand that I will be responsible for any deductible or remaining balance not payable by my insurance company at the time service was rendered. Further, I hereby give permission to Bright Path Counseling Center to verify my insurance coverage and to provide my insurance company with any information requested by them for the purpose of determining benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Witness: _____

Please Note: A No Show or Late Cancellation fee will be imposed if we are not notified of cancellations within 24 hours on the previous business day or more in advance. For instance, Monday appointments must be canceled on Friday!

_____ **Please initial here that you have reviewed our HIPAA Policies**



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Financial Policy

Welcome to our office. We are committed to providing you with quality health care and treatment. Please understand that payment of your bill is considered an integral part of your health care and treatment. The following is a statement of our **Financial Policy**.

1. Before you see a therapist, our office manager must receive all the required administrative forms completely filled in and signed.
2. **You are responsible for all fees at the time professional services are rendered to you.** We accept check, cash, money orders, Visa, Master Card, and Discover card. A **finance fee of \$5.00 will be charged to any balance over 30 days old.** If your account is delinquent, counseling services will be interrupted until payment is received.
3. If our counselor chooses to perform urine screens, the lab we use for urine screens is Med Lab, Inc. **You will be required to pay a \$20 fee to Bright Path for this service unless covered by Medicaid.** We do not submit claims to other insurance companies for urine screens. If you would like to submit your own claim, we will be happy to give you the necessary documentation to do so.
4. In the event that we are unable to file your insurance claim for any reason, our receipts are adequately itemized and coded for ease in filing for reimbursement with your carrier by yourself.
5. We will submit all claims to participating insurance companies. You will be responsible for any deductible(s) and/or co-payments that are due at the time of service. **If for any reason claims are denied by your insurance company, payment for services rendered are still your responsibility.**
6. Although we do everything we can to predetermine your insurance benefits and obtain prior authorizations where necessary, it is still your responsibility to check with your insurance company to ascertain your insurance coverage and to get any necessary prior authorization or physician referral. **You are responsible for any denial occasioned by failure to do so.**
7. No paperwork will be released to anyone unless your account is paid in full.
8. It is our policy to charge a **fee for cancellations or failure to keep your appointment** unless appointments are canceled **twenty-four (24) hours** of the previous business day or more in advance. For instance, Monday appointments must be canceled on Friday. Your insurance company **is not** responsible for such charges.
9. There is a **\$35.00 fee for checks that are returned** for insufficient funds.
10. If we are required to engage the services of an attorney in order to collect any amount you owe us, you will be responsible for the reasonable attorney's fees and other collection expenses incurred.

If you have a balance due on your account today from previous visits, please remit this balance in full before you see the therapist today.

Please sign below to indicate your acceptance of these terms.

Client's Signature

Date



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Patient/Client Rights

1. Each client has a right to an individually designed plan of service based on his or her individual needs in which the client has participated in developing, and which includes goals that the client has agreed to work towards.
2. Each client shall be free of any personal involvement with any facility staff member.
3. Each client has the right to considerate and respectful care.
4. Each client has the right to receive services from staff which are competent and caring.
5. Each client has the right to be treated in a way which recognizes and responds to his or her cultural identity and/or sexual orientation.
6. Each client has the right to know the counselor responsible for coordinating his or her care and the name of any other person providing care to him or her.
7. No client shall be treated by a staff member who is known to be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.
8. Each client has the right to obtain from his or her counselor current information concerning his/her diagnosis and treatment in terms that he or she can understand.
9. Each client has the right to receive services in a physical environment that is safe, sanitary, reflective of human dignity, conducive to effective treatment, and which appropriately safeguards the privacy and confidentiality of client-staff interaction.
10. Each client has a right to examine and receive an explanation of his/her bill, regardless of the source of payment.
11. Each client may object to conditions at the facility and has a right to reasonable, prompt response from either the Practice Manager or the Clinical Director. Each client also has the right to complain to the Clinical Director and obtain from the facility staff information about how such a complaint may be filed.
12. All treatment is voluntary. There may be legal, family, or employment consequences if treatment is refused or terminated early.
13. It is our policy to charge a client for any unused service scheduled unless we have received 24-hour notice of cancellation. Please refer to our cancellation/no show policy and our financial policy for details

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Canceling Appointments

OR

Not Showing Up For Your Scheduled Appointments

Bright Path Counseling Center was created as a place to meet your counseling needs in a setting filled with respect, comfort, confidentiality, professionalism and personal caring. The main ingredient that makes this possible is the superior counseling and administrative staff that we have assembled for your needs.

With great respect, we honor your journey to healing by providing quality care in a timely fashion. **We have limited space and time, therefore, every appointment time set for you is at a premium. We appreciate your returning this respect by committing to be here at your appointment time.** We know you will understand the need for us to uphold the following policies:

Be On Time: Try to arrive a few minutes before your appointment so that you have the full time for your session. Therapists need to conclude your session at the appropriate time so they can complete proper closure to your session.

Not Showing Up: If you fail to be here for your appointment, please remember that **this time has already been committed to you** so you will be responsible to pay a **No-Show Fee, regardless of your insurance carrier.**

Cancellations Without 24-Hour Notice: Your appointment times cannot be filled with another client without sufficient notice. Therefore, you are still responsible for that time slot and will be charged a **Late Cancellation Fee regardless of your insurance carrier.** Appointments must be canceled **twenty-four (24) hours** of the previous business day or more in advance. For instance, Monday appointments must be canceled on Friday.

Recurring Missed Appointments: If you are an *established client* and you miss two appointments in a row, it shows that you are probably not committed to your counseling. Therefore, you may be discharged or placed on a clinical pause. At the discretion of the multi-disciplinary team, you will be eligible to “re-enter” the program thirty days from the discharge or pause date provided your account balance has been paid in full.

Emergency Cancellations: With a doctor’s written report, a car mechanic’s receipt, or other proper documentation, we will reschedule your appointment for the next available time that your therapist can offer and waive a missed appointment Fee.

Severe Weather: Severe weather warnings must be announced on public broadcasting systems or the Internet, in order for “weather” to be a valid reason for not showing up for your appointment or canceling less than 24 hours in advance. You must still call to cancel the appointment in order to avoid the missed appointment Fee. Please take advantage of our telehealth video and phone sessions during inclement weather!

Reviewed With Client - Therapist Initials



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NO SHOW & LATE CANCEL CONTRACT

Bright Path schedules your counselor for one hour of time based on the appointment you have made. That is a commitment!

Bright Path charges a fee for appointments when the client either fails to show up to their appointment (No Show) or cancels their appointment less than 24 hours of the scheduled time (Late Cancel).

These fees are *not reimbursed by insurance companies* and are therefore accepted as part of this contract as a Non-covered Service.

These fees cover reservation of your counselor's contracted time for counseling services that could not be rendered due to your failure to show and the resulting inability to otherwise provide services to other clients during that scheduled time due to lack of adequate notification.

Bright Path's Fees are as follows:

No Show Fee: \$45.00

Late Cancel Fee: \$25.00

Further, Bright Path reserves the right to:

1. Pause any additional appointments for clients who have failed to show for their appointments (No Show).
2. Pause any additional appointments for clients who have either No-Showed or who have Late Canceled twice within a 30-day window.
3. Pause any additional appointments for failure to pay fees associated with this contract.

It is at the discretion of Bright Path Counseling Center when and if additional appointments can be made at our facility based on the poor attendance record or inappropriate behavior of the client at Bright Path.

Bright Path does accept Emergency Cancellations and Severe Weather as waivers for these fees as outlined in our application. Written documentation for Emergency Cancellations is expected.

Client Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Client signature or Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____



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Informed Consent for Treatment

I give consent for evaluation and treatment to be provided for myself/my child by

_____.

I am aware that the practice of psychotherapy is not an exact science and that results cannot be guaranteed. No promises have been made to me about the results of treatment.

The risks, benefits, side effects, and alternatives of treatment as well as the consequences of non-compliance with treatment have been discussed with me and I have had the opportunity to ask questions.

I understand that I need to provide accurate information about myself to my clinician so that I will receive effective treatment. I also agree to play an active role in my treatment process.

I understand that I may terminate treatment at any time.

My signature below shows that I understand and agree with all of the above statements. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the treatment process. If the client is a minor or has a legal guardian appointed by the court, the client's parent or legal guardian must sign this consent.

Signature of Patient or Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name

Relationship to Patient (if applicable)

Witness Signature

Date



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Background Information

PARENT – If you are completing this form for your child, **the questions relate to your child.**

If for more than one child, you will need to complete a form for each child please.

TEEN – If you are completing this form for yourself, **the questions relate to YOU.**

This information will help us better understand the situations you are experiencing.

The information is confidential and will not be released without your written permission.

(Please Print)

Name of Client _____ Date of Birth _____

Today's Date _____ Who is filling out form (relationship or self) _____

SITUATIONS YOU ARE HAVING

√	Check all that apply	√	Check all that apply
	Depression		Low self-esteem
	Suicidal thoughts		Death of a loved one
	Suicidal actions		Eating disorder
	Anxiety / Fears / Worries / Moody		Communication issues
	Panic attacks or Intense fears		Parent-child conflict
	School issues		Legal issues
	Alcohol / Other drug abuse (child)		Issues with Child Protective Services (CPS)
	Alcohol / Other drug abuse (family)		Brother / sister issues
	Does anyone in your household smoke?		Blended family issues
	Anger / Temper problems / Mean ___ Fights often / gets in many fights ___ Temper outbursts / Explosive		Prenatal Issues (detail below):
	Developmental Issues (List below)		Bullying or being Bullied (Describe Below)

DIFFICULTIES WITH COPING

√	Check all that apply	√	Check all that apply
	___ Sleep problems ___ difficulty falling asleep ___ waking up in the middle of the night ___ waking up too early ___ sleeping too much ___ nightmares		___ Change in appetite ___ gaining weight (____ pounds) ___ losing weight (____ pounds) ___ not hungry ___ throwing up after eating ___ feeling sick to my stomach
	Moody or crying more than usual		Constipation or diarrhea
	Feeling guilty, worthless, or hopeless		Difficulties concentrating
	Fatigue / low energy		Problems remembering things
	Hyper / too much energy		Withdrawing from others
	Loss of interest in things		Repeated actions I can't stop
	Disturbing thoughts I can't stop		Can't stop washing hands/body
	People are out to get me		People are picking on me
	Can't stop counting or checking things		Other (please specify below)

Other: _____

TRAUMA HISTORY

<p style="text-align: center;">Violence in Family/Physical Abuse: Current</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Actual or Threatened - (Circle one)</i></p> <p>Who is the Victim: _____ Abuser: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Violence in Family/Physical Abuse: Past</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Actual or Threatened - (Circle one)</i></p> <p>Who is the Victim: _____ Abuser: _____</p>
<p>Current Sexual abuse:</p> <p>Victim: _____ Abuser: _____</p>	<p>Past Sexual abuse: Age:</p> <p>Victim: _____ Abuser: _____</p>
<p>Other Current Abuse - Describe:</p>	<p>Other Past Abuse - Describe:</p>
<p>Major losses: Please List</p>	<p>Difficult changes: Please List</p>

MEDICAL HISTORY

Please **circle** any of the following medical conditions that you have now or have had in the past:

Name of Primary Care Physician : _____ **OK to contact? Y or N (circle)**

Contact Info for PCP: _____

1. Chronic medical conditions / Serious illnesses (if none apply, circle None)

Asthma	Diabetes	Ulcers	Liver Damage	Kidney
Lupus	Stroke	Cancer	Epilepsy/Seizures	Heart
Headaches	Head Injury	Thyroid	Dementia	Addiction
Hepatitis	Hypertension	Chronic Fatigue	Multiple Sclerosis	Depression
Ulcers	Cancer	Migraines	OB-GYN	Anxiety

None Other _____

2. Any allergies or drug sensitivities? _____

3. Previous hospitalizations / surgeries

Date	Reason

4. List any previous suicide attempts (If none, write None)

When	What method

5. Current prescriptions / medications:

6. Physical Exam in last year? ___ Yes ___ No **Recommended?** ___ Yes ___ No

7. Family history – any major health issues or drug and/or alcohol use:

8. In your family, has anyone ever been diagnosed and/or treated for the following (note relation):

___ Schizophrenia _____ ___ Manic-Depressive Disorder _____
 ___ Major depression _____ ___ Alcoholism _____
 ___ Drug Abuse _____
 ___ Other medical: _____

CLIENT'S PREVIOUS COUNSELING

Name of therapist or agency	Date and focus of sessions

LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- Smoking (how much?) _____
- Alcohol use (how much, how often?) _____
- Other drug use (which, how much?) _____
- How much coffee/tea/Coke/Pepsi? _____
- Have you had any legal charges? If so, complete form below (If none, circle ⇒ **None**)

Date	What charges?

- What is the highest level of schooling you have completed? _____
- Are there any guns or weapons in your house? _____
- Spiritual Identification _____
- Are you sexually active? _____
- Do you have any questions about your sexuality? Yes or No (please circle). Describe below.

RELATIONSHIPS

Please use a checkmark (✓) to indicate which of the following situations apply to you:

Too few friends	Enough friends
I talk to my friends about my problems	I don't talk to my friends about my problems
I am overly shy	I find it very difficult to open up to others
I make friends easily	I find it hard to keep friends
Others seem to be picking on me	No one really seems to understand me

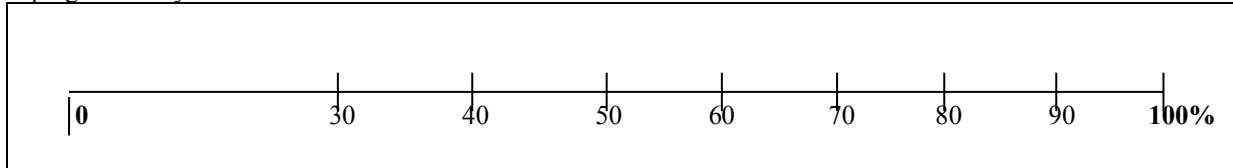
SOURCES OF STRESS

Please list the things/events/situations that are creating stress in your life at the present time (please include significant losses and changes in your life):

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

CURRENT FUNCTIONING

Place an "X" on the following scale to indicate how well you are coping with things at the present time. 100% means you are coping the best you ever have.



YOUR GOALS IN COUNSELING

Please list the goals you hope to achieve in counseling. (Be as specific as you can.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

HOW MANY SESSIONS DO YOU THINK YOU WILL NEED?

Please place a checkmark (✓) in the answer that best describes your expectations:

1-3 sessions
 4-6 sessions
 7-9 sessions
 8-12 sessions

_____ (Please specify how many.)

Therapist Review: _____ (Initials) _____ (Date)



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AUTHORIZATION

Permission is hereby given to **Bright Path Counseling Center** and its employees to obtain information from and/or release information to:

(Name of organization or individual)

Regarding: _____ Date of Birth: _____

For the purpose of:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination of treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance reimbursement | <input type="checkbox"/> Probation requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact referral source |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collateral contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Extent or nature of information to be disclosed:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Yes | No | Yes | No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychosocial evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Urine drug Screen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Breathalyzer results |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Progress in treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the agency in writing, except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance on my consent. Bright Path Counseling Center is released from all legal responsibility that may arise from this fact.

I, the undersigned, have read the above and authorize the staff of the facility to disclose such information as herein contained.

Date: _____

Signature: _____ Witness: _____

This authorization expires one year from its signing. A copy is as valid as the original document.



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EMERGENCY CONTACT RELEASE FORM

Please sign consent for a person you would like notified in the event of an emergency.

(Please print)

Your Full Name _____ Your Date of Birth _____

Permission is hereby given to **Bright Path Counseling Center** and its employees to obtain information from and/or release information to:

Name of Person to Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Person's Phone Number: _____

For the purpose of releasing information relating to an accident, injury or medical emergency.

Note that in an event of an emergency no information protected under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPPA") 45 C.F.R. pts. 160 & 164 will be disclosed to your emergency contact. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the agency in writing, except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance on my consent. Bright Path Counseling Center is released from all legal responsibility that may arise from this fact.

I, the undersigned, have read the above and authorize the staff of the facility to disclose such information as herein contained.

Date _____

Signature _____

Witness _____

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BACKGROUND

On May 5, 2007, the Governor signed a new law, known as "Jonathan's Law" (Chapter 24 of the Laws of 2007), which became effective immediately. This new law, stimulated by the tragic death of a 13-year old Jonathan Carey, while in residential care makes changes in the way in which certain notifications are made and information is shared, regarding incidents involving the health and safety of patients.

You also have the right to refuse this request. If you choose not to identify an emergency contact please sign below.

I understand by signing below I am refusing to name and give consent for a person to be notified in the event of accident or injury.

Client

Date

Witness

Date