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Welcome to Journeys Counseling. The questions on the following pages are designed to help best meet your child's treatment needs. If you have any questions, please contact Journeys.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Client Name _____ Birth Date: _____
 Gender: Female Male Email Address: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Home Phone: (____) _____ Emergency Contact: _____
 Cell Phone: (____) _____ Relationship to Client: _____
 Work Phone: (____) _____ Phone: (____) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: (Please note: It is our policy that the guardian who brings the child in for treatment will be responsible for payments.)

Mother: _____ Father: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Home #: _____ Home #: _____
 Other #: _____ Other #: _____

INSURANCE & MEDICAL INFORMATION * THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED*

Primary Insurance Information	Secondary Insurance Information
Insurance Company:	Insurance Company:
Insurance Address:	Insurance Address:
Ins. City/State/Zip:	Ins. City/State/Zip:
Subscriber' Name:	Subscriber' Name:
Subscribers DOB:	Subscribers DOB:
Employer:	Employer:
Employer Phone #:	Employer Phone #:
Subscriber ID:	Subscriber ID:
Policy #:	Policy #:
Group #:	Group #:
Subscriber's Relationship to Client: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Step-parent	Subscriber's Relationship to Client: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Step-parent

REFERRAL AND COLLATERAL INFORMATION

Referral Source: _____

If you would like your counselor to coordinate treatment with your primary physician, please fill out the following information and request to sign an Authorization to Release Information form.

Primary Care M.D.: _____ Phone #: _____

Other Therapist: _____ Phone #: _____

May not release information. Reason:

ASSESSMENT AND NEEDS

1. Please describe your reason(s) for seeking treatment at this time. If there is a particular event which triggered your decision to seek treatment, please list the event:

2. Has your child received mental health treatment before? If so, please list dates, provider name, and the issue for which treatment was sought:

3. Has your child ever been the victim of emotional, physical, sexual abuse or been witness to domestic violence/abuse? Yes No Explain:

4. Please list any medications your child is currently taking (including dosage and prescriber):

5. Does your child suffer from depression? Yes No Scale (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
low high

6. Has your child had **current or previous** suicidal ideations, thoughts, or attempts? Yes No

Explain: _____

7. Does your child suffer from anxiety? Yes No Scale (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (1 low, 10 high)

8. Any traumatic events in his/her life? Yes No Explain when, how, and what? _____

9. Any psychosis symptoms or behaviors? Yes No Explain: _____

TREATMENT PHILOSOPHY

The professional staff at Journeys Counseling believes in providing goal-directed treatment. If you ever have any questions about the nature of the treatment of anything else about your care, please do not hesitate to ask.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information between provider and client is held strictly confidential unless:

1. The client authorizes release of information with his/her signature, or if client is a minor the parent/guardian signature.
2. The client presents a physical danger to self.
3. The client presents a danger to others.
4. Child/elder abuse/neglect is suspect.

In the latter two cases, we are required by law to inform potential victims and legal authorities so that protective measures can be taken.

FINANCIAL TERMS

Upon verification of health plan/insurance coverage and policy limits, your insurance carrier will be billed. You will be responsible for any applicable deductibles and co-payments. If you are not eligible at the time services are rendered, you are responsible for full payment.

CANCELLED/MISSED APPOINTMENTS

If an appointment is missed or cancelled with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice, you may be billed \$25 for the missed appointment.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If you need to contact your counselor, leave a message according to the instructions on the phone service (413) 628-1083 and your call will be returned. If an emergency situation arises, call the central Iowa crisis line (855) 581-8111, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255 or go to the Emergency Room.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

By signing below, you authorize the release of information regarding your care to your health plan for the payment of claims, certifications/case management decisions, and other purposes related to the administration of benefits for your health plan while being seen at Journeys Counseling.

OFFICE HOURS

The Journeys Counseling staff is dedicated to meeting each client's scheduling needs. Each staff member maintains their own working hours. Please check with your counselor for their available times. Journeys Counseling is closed on all major holidays unless exceptions are made by your counselor.

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Please read the following statement and sign below: I authorize and request that the professional staff at the Journeys Counseling carry out mental health examinations, therapy, counseling, evaluations, treatments, and/or diagnostic procedures, which now or during the course of my care are advisable. I understand that the purpose of these procedures will be explained to me upon my request and subject to my agreement. I hereby acknowledge that I am willing and without coercion, taking part in these mental health related procedures.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the above information:

Client Name – Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name – Signature

Date

BILL OF RIGHTS

1. Each client shall have reasonable access to care, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, or disability.
2. Each client has the right to privacy, confidentiality, and security, in accordance with agency, state and federal regulations governing the confidentiality of information. Client confidentiality will be maintained during case consultations, clinical supervision and all internal or external audits of clinical records. All records reviewed by auditors, external entities and business associations, will be noted on the accounting summary form for HIPAA purposes.
3. Each client who seeks services voluntarily has the right to refuse and/or terminate care, treatment or services at any time.
4. Each client has the right to express comments or complaints about any aspect of the care, treatment and service process without being subjected to coercion, discrimination, reprisal or unreasonable interruption of care, treatment or services. The client may express concerns through informal discussions or through the formal grievance procedure. Family and legal guardians have the right to file the grievance as well.
5. If one parent brings a child in for counseling and the parents have joint legal custody, whether a parent has shared care or primary care, the parent must inform the other parent that their child has entered counseling with Journeys Counseling.
6. The parent who brings the child for counseling agrees that Journeys Counseling may send a generic letter to the other parent, stating that their child will be receiving services at Journeys Counseling.
7. The other parent does have a right to be aware of session dates, treatment goals and participate in counseling if so desired.
8. However, it is within the therapist's discretion concerning how the parents participate in counseling to best meet the child's treatment goals. For example, is it better for the child to begin with individual therapy vs. family therapy? Play therapy vs. Theraplay? Is it better for the child to alternate coming to therapy with one parent one week and the other parent the following week because the anxiety would be too stressful for the child to sit with both parents in the same room? Or is this a nonrelated family issue and the parents are able to accompany the child at the same time?
9. Treatment goals and therapy modes can change over time. For example, we may begin with individual therapy and work towards family therapy. While working individually with a child, we may meet with the parent individually to work on how to best work towards the treatment goals.
10. Client records are both the property of Journeys Counseling and the client. To review your child's written records, first we must receive a written request from you. The parent agrees that the counselor and parent will then schedule a time to review the written records, in case there are any questions about the records. Since the child is our client, the parent has the right to review their child's records.
However, the State of Iowa does allow us the option to protect a child's records and not release the child's records to either parent, if we determine that it would not be in the child's best interests to release the records.
We do not wish to release written records, so that we may protect a child's confidentiality. We would hope that you enter therapy to truly help your child and give them a place of sanctity to explore themselves and their feelings. Our goal is to bring families together; it is not to exclude anyone. For a child, each family member is important to them.
11. The client, parents, and legal guardians, agree and acknowledge that the counselor will not be asked to testify on behalf of client, parents, or legal guardians, at any judicial proceedings or depositions, in which the client, parents, or legal guardians may be involved. However, if the counselor later agrees to testify at future judicial proceedings or depositions, or is properly served a subpoena, the client, parents and legal guardians hereby agree to pay expert witness fees to procure counselor's testimony. Journeys Counseling will require, and the parent or parents agree to

pay, a \$300.00 deposit toward expert witness fees prior to the counselor undertaking testimony at a judicial proceeding, deposition, preparation, consultation, testimony, or travel time. Expert witness fees shall include a minimum fee of one hour. The counselor may charge a reasonable expert witness fee, based on the counselor's usual and customary hourly rate. It is possible that the counselor's fee may exceed \$300.00. If the counselor's reasonable expert witness fee does not exceed \$300.00 at the conclusion of the counselor's litigation-related services, any excess funds will be returned to the parent who paid the deposit.

- 12. The parents agree that they will not request the child's written records to be submitted to their attorney, opposing attorneys, or submitted to the Court. In consideration of the parent's promise, Journeys Counseling agrees to provide counseling services for your child. Our experience is that verbal testimony is more helpful than having our records submitted to the Court, as there is the possibility that the records may be taken out of context. Again, our goal is to help your child find peace in a difficult situation, rather than create a more adversarial situation.

X _____

Client Name/Signature

Date

X _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

