**Restoration Counseling Center**

**LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

The contents of all counseling sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal information and written records about a client cannot and will not be shared with another party, without the written consent of the client or the client’s legal guardian. Although there are a few exceptions and they are as follows:

**Duty to Warn and Protect:**

When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the mental health professional is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to legal authorities. In situations in which the client discloses or implies a plan for suicide, the health care professional is required to notify legal authorities and make reasonable attempts to notify the family of the client.

**Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults:**

If a client reports or suggests that he or she is abusing a child (or vulnerable adult) or has recently abused a child (or vulnerable adult), or a child (or vulnerable adult) is in danger of abuse, the mental health professional is required to report this information to social service and/or legal authorities.

**Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances:**

Mental Health care professionals are required to report admitted prenatal exposure to controlled substances that are potentially dangerous.

**Insurance Providers:**

(When applicable) Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given some specific information that they request regarding services to clients.

Information that may be requested includes, but is not limited to: diagnosis, treatment plan, types of service, dates/times of service, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries.

*I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand their meanings and ramifications.*

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Client Signature (Client’s Parent/Guardian if under 18)

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