



# Thriving Mind Therapy

## Client Agreement and Therapeutic Policies

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction:

This agreement is intended to provide you with important information regarding my professional services and business policies. This consent form will provide a clear framework for our work together and will facilitate our therapeutic relationship. Any questions or concerns regarding the content of this agreement should be discussed with me prior to signing it.

Unless you prefer otherwise, I will call you by your first name. Please call me Aubrey. I conduct all therapy sessions in English or with a translator for whom you arrange and pay. I do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation. If significant differences, such as in culture belief system exist between us, I will work to understand those differences.

### Part I: Therapist Information

#### Educational/ Training Background:

I received my Master of Social Work from Walla Walla University in Walla Walla, Washington. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. I am a Certified Trauma Specialist through Intensive Trauma Therapy in West Virginia. As well, I have additional specialized training in EMDR and Sandtray Therapy.

#### Professional Orientation:

I provide individual therapy for adolescents and adults. I also provide family therapy, group therapy, and parent consultations for clients in need of those services. The areas that I treat in my practice include but are not limited to trauma, anxiety, attachment, self-esteem, and stress in relationships.

I am a Licensed Therapist in the State of Texas. I am a professional member of the National Association of Social Workers.

I render therapeutic services in a professional manner consistent with accepted ethical standards as stipulated by Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners and the HIPPA security and privacy rules. If at any time for any reason you have concerns or are dissatisfied with my services, please let me know. You may report any complaints.

#### Texas Department of Regulatory Agencies

The practice of licensed social workers is regulated by:

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

Mail Code 1982 / P.O. Box 149347

Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Telephone: (512) 719-3521 or (800) 232-3162 and Fax: (512) 834-6677

E-mail: [lsw@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:lsw@dshs.state.tx.us)

Website: [www.dshs.state.tx.us/socialwork](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/socialwork)

## Part II: Client(s) Rights

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.

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.

You have the right to end therapy at any time without any moral, legal, or financial obligations other than those *already* accrued. I ask you to please contact me by phone or in person before you make such a decision without prior discussion.

You have the right to expect that I will maintain professional and ethical boundaries by not entering in to other personal, financial, or professional relationships with you, all of which would greatly compromise our work together.

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One of the most important rights involves confidentiality: within the 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. As your therapist, I am legally prohibited from revealing to another person that you are in therapy with me, nor can I reveal what you have said to me in any way that identifies you without your written permission. However, in the following instances, your right to confidentiality must be set aside as required by law or my professional standards.

### Limits of Confidentiality:

- 1) Instances of actual or suspected physical or sexual abuse, emotional cruelty, or neglect of a child or an elder or dependent adult must be reported to the appropriate protective services.
- 2) If I have a reason to believe that a client poses an unavoidable and imminent danger of violence to another person, I may warn the intended victim and notify the proper authorities.
- 3) If you, as a client, reveal a serious intent to harm yourself, I am ethically bound to do what I can to help maintain your safety, which may involve notifying others who may be of assistance.
- 4) If a judge orders my testimony or, in the context of a legal proceeding, you raise your own psychological state as an issue, I may be required to release your confidential information to the court.

In all the above cases, it is incumbent upon me to release only that information necessary to appropriately carry out my responsibilities. Your confidentiality remains an *ethical priority*.

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### Legal action:

Please know that being a witness is not in my area of interest or expertise. If you are seeking therapy for court or court-related purposes, I will provide you with alternative referral sources. Should you, your attorney, your spouse, or ex-spouse's attorney, subpoena me or your client file as a factual case witness, or involve me in court-related proceedings, you agree to pay \$360 for every hour of my time involved, including case preparation, travel, witness time, and any wait time related to court-related process. You further agree to pay a retainer fee of \$3,000 at the time a subpoena is served, to be applied toward these charges. If a subpoena is issued for me, it will be turned over to my attorney, and you will be billed for any attorney fees I incur on your behalf. A bill will be rendered to you for immediate payment when a subpoena is issued. If you have a suspicion that your case will be going to court, or you will need a therapist testimony, please let me know before a therapeutic relationship is established, and appropriate referral sources will be provided to you. Please note: 24-hour advanced notice is required if a cancellation occurs related to a court process, including dismissal of case. If a 24-hour notification is not made, a fee of \$2,880 will be billed. (8 hours @ \$360/hr.)

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**Dual Relationships:** I will avoid a therapeutic relationship with a friend, education or business associate and will avoid the development of a personal, education or business relationship with a therapy client. I do not accept friend or contact requests from current or former clients on any social sites. Adding you as a friend

could compromise confidentiality and privacy. If I see you in public, I will protect your confidentiality by greeting you only if you greet me first.

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### **Part III: The Therapeutic Process**

**Benefits and Risks of Therapy:** Psychotherapy is a process in which you and I discuss a variety of issues, events, and experiences for the purpose of creating positive change so you can experience your life more fully. Participating in therapy may result in several benefits to you, including, but not limited to, reduced stress and anxiety, a decrease in negative thoughts and self-sabotaging behaviors, improved interpersonal relationships, increased comfort in social, work, and family settings, increased capacity for intimacy, and increased self-confidence. There is no guarantee that therapy will yield any or all the benefits listed above.

Participating in therapy may also involve some discomfort, including remembering and discussing unpleasant events, feelings, and experiences. This process may evoke strong feelings of sadness, anger, fear, etc. The issues presented by you may result in unintended outcomes, including changes in personal relationships. During the therapeutic process, many clients find that they feel worse before they feel better. This is generally a normal course of events. Personal growth and change may be easy and swift at times but may also be slow and frustrating. The outcome of your treatment largely depends on your willingness to engage in the therapeutic process. Please address any concerns you have regarding your progress in therapy with me.

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**Emergencies: Medical and/or psychiatric emergencies should be directed to 911 if life or safety is threatened. If you need emergency help at a time when I am not available, please call 911, go to the nearest ER, or seek some other emergency service (such as 472-HELP, a 24-hour helpline).**

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#### **E-Mail, Cell Phones, Computers and Faxes:**

It is important to be aware that computers, E-mail, and cell phone communication can be easily accessed by unauthorized people and, hence, can compromise the privacy and confidentiality of such communication. E-mails in general are vulnerable to such unauthorized access. *Please do not use e-mail for sensitive information or emergencies.*

#### **Records and Administrative Services:**

I may take notes during session and will also produce other notes and records regarding treatment. These notes constitute my clinical and business records, which by law, I am required to maintain. Should you request a copy of my records, such a request must be made in writing. I reserve the right under Texas law, to provide you with a treatment summary in lieu of actual records. I also reserve the right to refuse to produce a copy of the record under certain circumstances, but may, as requested, provide a copy of the record to another treating health care provider.

#### **Video or Audio:**

You acknowledge and agree that neither you or I will record any part of your sessions unless you and I mutually agree in writing that the session may be recorded. You further acknowledge that I object to your recording any portion of your sessions without my written consent.

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**Professional Fees and Payments:**

I am an out-of-network provider and do not verify insurance coverage, file insurance claims nor receive insurance payments. Upon request, a receipt with the necessary coding for you to self-file with your insurance company will be provided.

Your account must be paid IN FULL at the time of service unless a previous agreement has been made.

Acceptable forms of payment include cash, personal checks, Zelle, Venmo and PayPal. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

If you are unable to keep your appointment it is your responsibility to notify Aubrey at (346) 704-1812 **at least 24 (business) hours prior** to the scheduled appointment. Failure to do so will result in a missed appointment charge, which is 50% of the session fee (1<sup>st</sup> time) and 100% of the session fee subsequent times. You will be required to pay in full prior to your next scheduled appointment. If you have collected a balance equal to two sessions, you are aware that you will not be able to schedule further sessions until all past-due fees are paid.

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**Fee Structure:**

- \$230 Initial intake and assessment (75-90 minutes)
- \$155 Individual session (60 minutes)
- \$230 Family session (75-90 minutes)
- \$65 Per session for Group therapy (60-90 minutes)
- \$1.00 Per page for Copying Record
- \$360 Per hour for Legal Fees: phone time, letter writing, court appearances, travel

Paperwork or other requests will be a separate cost if not done during the allotted time.

You understand that if a phone session is ever needed outside of the regular scheduled session that there will be a \$20 charge for the first 15 minutes and \$20 for every 15 minutes following.

Payment is expected at the beginning of each session unless I have obtained permission to bill a clergy member on your behalf. Balances more than 120 days overdue may be subject to collection using a collection agency. However, I will first attempt to make other arrangements with you as needed. In general, it is important to discuss with me any issues that arise in connection with our financial arrangements, so that they do not hinder our working relationship.

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*I agree BY ENTERING therapy with Thriving Mind Therapy I will pay the full fee at each session. If I am late to a session, the length of the session may be shortened, and I agree to pay for a full session.*

*A 24-hour notice during business hours is required for cancellation of a scheduled session. If I do not meet this requirement, I agree to pay a missed appointment fee. I understand that this will be my responsibility, not that of a third-party payer.*

*I understand that the therapist has the right to seek legal recourse to recoup any unpaid balance. In pursuing these measures, the therapist will only disclose biographical information and the amount owed, to ensure confidentiality.*

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**CONSENT TO TREATMENT:**

I, voluntarily, agree to receive and authorize Thriving Mind Therapy to provide such care, treatment, or services that are considered necessary and advisable for me and/or my minor child.

I have the legal authority to seek professional services for my minor child.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this document, and any questions I had were answered.

I engage Thriving Mind Therapy to render services as provided herein.

**I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS ABOVE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client signature (parent/guardian if minor) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name Date

\*I have provided Thriving Mind Therapy the latest custody order and/or divorce decree

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Therapist Signature Date

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## HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This notice describes how your private health information may be used and disclosed, and how you can gain access to this information. Please review it carefully.

**Private Health Information may be used and disclosed in the following circumstances:**

1. Information that is necessary in order to file insurance claims and successfully complete all billing and collection procedures.
2. When required for public health issues such as workman's compensation.
3. When required by any state or federal law, including cases of abuse and neglect.
4. When required for any specialized government or military functions including active personnel, reservists, veterans, and discharged members of the military service. Also, for any person confined to a correctional institution or under any law enforcement supervision.
5. When used for any clerical purposes and necessary chart audits by managed care companies.

**As a client, you have rights to your Private Health Information, including:**

1. The right to review your records or receive a copy of your records by signing a written release. However, under certain rare circumstances your request can be denied. If needed, interpretation of the records will be provided. Requests for records will receive response or be honored within 15 days.
2. The right to request information of any party that has requested information pertaining to your Private Health Information.
3. The right to receive confidential information regarding your private health information.
4. The right to revoke this consent in writing; however, this will not affect any information already disclosed.

**As a private practioner, I have the responsibility to:**

1. Make each client aware of the Privacy Notice.
2. At any time make the necessary changes to the Privacy Notice that are required by law.

If you as the client feel your privacy has been violated, you have the right to contact The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Civil Rights at [www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/).

I have reviewed and understand this notice.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### ADOLESCENT INTAKE FORM

<i>To be completed by Parent or Guardian:</i> Please answer all information as completely as possible. Information is strictly confidential and beneficial in providing the best possible service for your child.	
Child's Full Name:	Nickname:
Birth Date and Age:	Preferred Pronoun:
Child's Address:	Today's Date:
Mother's Name:	Phone:
Home Address:	Mother's Date of Birth:
Employer:	Email Address:
Highest Level of Education:	Cell:
Religious affiliation as a child?	Occupation:
Father's Name:	Best contact method: Email or Phone
Home Address:	As an adult?
Employer:	Father's Date of Birth:
Highest Level of Education:	Email Address:
Religious affiliation as a child?	Cell:
In case of emergency, who may I contact?	Occupation:
Name:	Best contact method: Email or Phone
Relationship:	As an adult?
	Phone number:

Are child's biological parents divorced? Yes/No <i>(If a divorce or custody suit has occurred, a copy of the entire divorce decree or court ordered parenting plan, whichever is most current, must be provided.)</i>	Are you currently in a custody dispute: Yes/No
Child's age at divorce or custody suit?	Who has legal guardianship?

## FAMILY HISTORY

Stepmother?		Stepfather?	
Who does your child currently live with?			
Names	Age	Relationship to child	Grade/Job
Who are your child's significant others NOT living with your child? (Stepparents, grandparents, friends, mentors, supports etc.)			
Names	Age	Relationship to child	Grade/Job
Are child's parents?   Married   Separated   Divorced   Widowed   (please circle one) If parents divorced/separated please list dates:			
Who in the family is your child closest to?			
What are some of the strengths of your family? What does your family do together?			
Who in your family suffers from alcoholism, an eating disorder, depression or anything that might be considered mental illness (diagnosed or undiagnosed)?			



## PARENTING

What are parents discipline style? Mom	Dad
Do parents support each other in parenting?	
Additional parenting concerns:	

## MAJOR LIFE EVENTS

Were there complications during pregnancy or delivery? Yes/No Please describe	
Is child adopted? Yes/No	When and age:
Child's reaction to birth of siblings:	
Parental unemployment? Yes/No	When and age:
Any moves? If so, when, and where:	
Child exposed to a major disaster? Yes/No Please describe:	

## EDUCATION HISTORY

What school does your child attend?	Teacher's Name(s):
What does your child's teacher(s) say about them?	Current Grade:
Favorite Subject: Least Favorite Subject:	Has your child ever repeated a grade? Yes/No If so which one(s)
Does your child receive special education service? Yes/No	Does your child receive tutoring, speech therapy, or occupational therapy? Yes/No
Is your child in a gifted/talented/honors program? Yes/No	Does your child like school? Yes/No
Has your child experienced any of the following at school? (Please circle all that apply)  Fighting, suspension, lack of friends, gang influence, learning disabilities, incomplete homework, drugs/alcohol, poor attendance, behavioral problems, detention, poor grades, school refusal.	
Has your child been the victim of bullying or bullied other children? Yes/No If yes, please describe:	
Please, use the space to provide any other additional information regarding your child's education or developmental history that you find significant:	

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Pediatrician's Name: Date of last physical:	Phone:
Is child under the care of another medical specialist? Y/N If yes, type of specialist _____	Phone:

Please list any chronic illness, disabilities, medical conditions that your child has been diagnosed with:

Illness/Disability:	Dates:

Has your child experienced any of the following medical problems? Circle all that apply

A serious accident, eye/ear problems, tics, high fever, asthma, meningitis, loss of consciousness, digestive problems, a head injury, allergies, hospitalizations, surgery, convulsions/seizures, hearing problems, weight change, or appetite change.

List all medications that your child is currently taking:

Medication:	Dosage:	Treating:

Who prescribed this medication?

Would you like to sign a release of information so that I can discuss your child's care with their doctor?  
 Yes/No

## THERAPY/PSYCHIATRIC EXPERIENCE

Has your child been in therapy in the past Yes/No

If yes, please fill out the following on your previous counseling experience(s)

Therapist	Location	Dates	Reason

Has your child ever had a psychiatric hospitalization? Yes/No	
If yes, please describe briefly. Indicate dates and circumstances:	
Is your child under the care of a psychiatrist: Yes/No	If yes, Psychiatrist name:
Phone:	Address:

RECREATION

Does your child participate in any of the following activities? What is their favorite activity?

Please circle all that apply and indicate their level of participation.  
Sports, fine arts, outside play with others, social activities, or religious activities.

Which type(s)?	How often?

How many hours per day does your child do the following:

Play video games?  
Spend on the computer/tablet?  
Watch TV?

OTHER HISTORY

Has your child experienced any type of abuse (physical, sexual or emotional)? Yes/No  
If yes, please describe:

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Has your child made statements of wanting to harm themselves or seriously harming someone else? Yes/No  
Has he/she/they purposely harmed themselves or another? Yes/No  
If yes, to either question please describe the situation:

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Has your child experienced any serious emotional losses (such as a death of friend, family, pet or physical separation from a parent or other caretaker)? Yes/No  
If yes, please explain:

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What are some of the things that are currently stressful to your child and the family? Circle all that apply.

Changes in school, family fighting, divorce/separation, change in financial status, death of a pet, death in the family, family move, marital problems, serious illness of a family member, sibling issues, death of a close friend. Other, please explain:

<p>Please describe your child's temperament:</p> <p>What makes your child mad? And how do they cope with stress?</p>
<p>Are there any behaviors that your child currently does too often, too much, or at the wrong times that gets them in trouble? Yes/No If yes, please describe:</p>
<p>Please list positive strengths of your child: (What do you like about your child? What do others like about your child?)</p>
<p>How would you describe your child's self-esteem?</p>
<p>What are your child's responsibilities at home?</p>
<p>Briefly describe your reason(s) for seeking help at this time?</p>
<p>What goals do you wish to accomplish during the therapy process as a parent?</p>
<p>What goals does your child wish to accomplish during the therapy process?</p>
<p>Who referred you?</p>