



LESLIE PSYCHOLOGY

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TELETHERAPY CONSENT FORM

(REQUIRED IN THE EVENT TELEHEALTH IS NECESSARY)

Definition of Services:

I, _____, hereby consent to engage in teletherapy with _____ . Teletherapy is a form of psychological service provided via internet technology, which can include consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, emails, telephone conversations and/or education using interactive audio, video, or data communications. I also understand that teletherapy involves the communication of my medical/mental health information, both orally and/or visually.

Teletherapy has the same purpose or intention as psychotherapy or psychological treatment sessions that are conducted in person. However, due to the nature of the technology used, I understand that teletherapy may be experienced somewhat differently than face-to-face treatment sessions.

I understand that I have the following rights with respect to teletherapy:

Client's Rights, Risks, and Responsibilities:

1. I, the client, need to be a resident of Florida. (This is a legal requirement for psychologists practicing in this state under a FL license.)
2. I, the client, have the right to withhold or withdraw consent at any time without affecting my right to future care or treatment.
3. The laws that protect the confidentiality of my medical information also apply to teletherapy. As such, I understand that the information disclosed by me during the course of my therapy or consultation is generally confidential. However, there are both mandatory and permissive exceptions to confidentiality, which are described in the general Consent Form I received at the start of my treatment.
4. I understand that there are risks and consequences of participating in teletherapy, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite best efforts to ensure high encryption and secure technology on the part of my psychologist, that: the transmission of my information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures; the transmission of my information could be interrupted by unauthorized persons; and/or the electronic storage of my medical information could be accessed by unauthorized persons.

5. There is a risk that services could be disrupted or distorted by unforeseen technical problems.
6. In addition, I understand that teletherapy based services and care may not be as complete as face-to-face services. I also understand that if my psychologist believes that teletherapy is the best temporary option during the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Agreeing that after this emergency situation, face to face appointments will be reinstated.
7. It is important to be on time. If you need to cancel or change your tele-appointment, you must notify the psychologist 24 hours in advance by phone or email.
8. I understand that I may benefit from teletherapy, but that results cannot be guaranteed or assured. I understand that there are potential risks and benefits associated with any form of psychotherapy, and that despite my efforts and the efforts of my psychologist, my condition may not improve, and in some cases may even get worse.
9. I understand that confidentiality still applies for teletherapy services, and nobody will record the session without the permission from the other person(s). That you agree to use the video-conferencing platform selected for our virtual sessions, and the psychologist will help explain how to use it if necessary. In addition, you agree to use a webcam or smartphone during the session with audio capability.
10. We agree to a backup plan (Dr. Leslie phone # 727-831-1723) to restart the session or reschedule it, in the event of technical problems.
11. I accept that teletherapy does not provide emergency services. If I am experiencing an emergency situation, I understand that I can call 911 or proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room for help. If I am having suicidal thoughts or making plans to harm myself, I can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.TALK (8255) for free 24 hour hotline support. Clients who are actively at risk of harm to self or others are not suitable for teletherapy services. If this is the case or becomes the case in future, my psychologist will recommend more appropriate services.
12. I understand that there is a risk of being overheard by anyone near me if I am not in a private room while participating in teletherapy. I am responsible for (1) providing the necessary computer, telecommunications equipment and internet access for my teletherapy sessions, and (2) arranging a location with sufficient lighting and privacy that is free from distractions or intrusions for my teletherapy session. It is the responsibility of the psychological treatment provider to do the same on their end.
13. I understand that dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from the telemedicine interaction to researchers or other entities shall not occur without my written consent.

I have read, understand and agree to the information provided above regarding telehealth:

Client's name: _____

Client's Signature: _____ Date _____

Therapist's Signature: _____ Date _____