

Couples/Family Therapy Consent

Purpose of Couples/Family Therapy

The purpose of couples and/or family therapy is to improve communication, resolve conflict, and strengthen relationships. Unlike individual therapy, the identified “client” is considered the couple or family unit, rather than any one individual.

Confidentiality

- Information shared in couples/family sessions is generally considered confidential.
 - However, there is no guarantee of secrecy between members of the couple/family. The therapist will not withhold information shared in joint sessions from the other members of the therapy unit.
 - Individual information disclosed outside of joint sessions may not remain confidential if it directly affects the treatment of the couple/family as a whole.
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Limits of Confidentiality

As with all therapy at this practice, confidentiality is subject to legal and ethical limits, including:

- Risk of harm to self or others
 - Suspected abuse or neglect of a child, elder, or vulnerable adult
 - Court orders or legal requirements
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Communication Outside of Sessions

- Communication via phone, email, or portal is intended for scheduling or brief check-ins, not for ongoing therapy.
 - The therapist may share relevant information from individual communication with other members of the couple/family if clinically necessary.
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Treatment Agreement

- All participants agree to attend sessions in good faith and to respect each other's confidentiality outside the therapy room.
 - All participants agree not to subpoena the therapist or request testimony in legal proceedings regarding custody, divorce, or other family disputes.
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Financial Responsibility

- Fees are due before services are rendered.
 - The person listed below as the responsible party will be billed for all sessions, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
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Acknowledgement & Consent

We, the undersigned, have read and understood the above policies regarding couples/family therapy. We agree to enter into treatment under these terms and consent to treatment provided by Drayton's View Therapy and Wellness Services, PLLC.

Client 1 Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Client 2 Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Additional Family Member(s) Name/Signature (if applicable):

Responsible Party (for billing): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Witness/Staff Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____