



Client Rights and Responsibilities

As a client of Breathtaking Holistic Counseling Services, you have the following **rights**:

1. To be treated with dignity and respect at all times;
2. To expect that the licensee providing services to you has met the minimal qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
3. To examine public records maintained by the relevant licensing Board and to have the Board confirm credentials of a licensee;
4. To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics applicable to your provider(s);
5. To report complaints to the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors;
6. To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
7. To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule and law, with some exceptions, including:
 - Cases of imminent danger to client or others;
 - In response to a court order; or
 - Defending claims brought by client against licensee;
8. To be free from being the object of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, or other unlawful category while receiving services.

As a client of Breathtaking Holistic Counseling Services, you have the following **responsibilities**:

1. To provide accurate and complete information concerning your present complaints, present/past medical/personal history, and other matters relating to your current condition and life circumstances.
2. To make it known to the therapist whether you comprehend clearly the course of treatment and what is expected from you.
3. To read all handouts: Client Counseling Agreement, Client Notice of Privacy Practices, Client Rights and Responsibilities, The Therapy Process: What to Expect, and Client Release of Information Forms.
4. To keep appointments and notify the therapist at least 48 hours in advance at 717-843-0444 if you are unable to make your appointment.
5. To adhere to treatment recommendations. While entering into therapy is voluntary, during the course of your care, your therapist will make recommendations that are specific to your presenting problem and circumstance. While there are benefits to following these recommendations, choosing not to adhere to them could result in consequences. Those consequences will be discussed in greater detail during the session.
6. To pay all fees incurred for treatment services at the time of service.

Client Signature _____

Date _____