

Informed Consent
For Office of Candace Tierney, MA
Licensed Mental Health Counselor
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Thank you for deciding to begin therapy with me today. Therapy appointment's take approximately 1 hour. I realize that starting counseling is a major decision and you may have many question. This document is intended to inform you of my policies, Sate and Federal Laws, and your rights. If you have other questions or concerns, please ask and I will try my best to answer your questions.

Confidentiality and emergency situations:

Your verbal communication and clinical records are strictly confidential except for:

- 1.) Information (diagnosis and dates of services) shared with your insurance company to process your claims.
- 2.) Information you and/or your child or children report physical or sexual abuse; then by Florida State Law, I am obligated to report this to the Department of children and Family Services.
- 3.) Where you sign a release of information to have specific information shared
- 4.) If you provide information that informs me that you are in danger of harming yourself or others or if you tell me of a child who is being harmed
- 5.) When required by law.

If an emergency situation for which the client or their guardian feels immediate attention is necessary, and their call is not returned within 15 minutes, the client or guardian understands that they are to contact emergency services (911) for those services. I will follow up emergency services with standard counseling and support to the client and/or family

Signature

Date