



Center for Integrated Well-Being

STATEMENT OF CLIENT RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND LIMITATIONS

As a client receiving mental health services from a licensed social worker in the state of Minnesota, you are entitled to have any/ all information relating to your history, your personal data, and the work done in my office kept confidential unless you agree to release that information in writing (the same holds true for your child if they are the client). However, there are exceptions to confidentiality that you need to be aware of.

The State of Minnesota has legislated that a Social Worker shall disclose client information, including client records, **without** the written consent of the client or the client's legal representative only under the following cases:

I cannot keep any information confidential concerning:

- The physical or emotional, or sexual abuse of children. If you provide me with any information suggests a child has been or will be harmed in these ways, I am required by law to notify the appropriate authorities.
- Your intention to harm yourself. If you provide me with any information that suggests you intend to harm yourself, I am required by law to notify the appropriate authorities and your family members.
- If your child is the client and says he/ she has intentions to harm him/ herself- I will report to the appropriate authorities.
- Your intention to harm another person. If you provide me with any information that suggests you intend to harm another person, I am required by law to notify the appropriate authorities and the person in danger.
- If your child is the client and says he/ she has intention to do harm to another person- I will report to the appropriate authorities, try to reach that person, and inform you immediately.
- Any ethics violation involving another therapist, psychiatrist, or health care provider. If I learn about such violations, I am required by Minnesota Board of Social Work to report such violations to the appropriate board for inquiry.