

# North Texas Counseling Associates

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## INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Our goal is to provide you with quality therapy services. Some clients need only a few sessions to achieve these goals while others may require more. As a client, you have the right to end our therapy relationship at any point.

1. I understand that my therapist is working under Texas laws, rules and statutes as a Licensed Psychologist, a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), LPC-Intern, or as a practicum student under the supervision of Dr. Jennie Fincher, LPC-S, Licensed Psychologist.

2. I understand that my counseling records are kept confidential, except where disclosure is required by law or the ethics of the therapy profession. Possible exceptions to confidentiality include but are not limited to the following situations:

- abuse of a child, elderly or disabled person
- potential harm or threat to self or others
- third party requests for payment (e.g. Texas Workforce Commission)
- child custody cases that go before a court of law
- information subpoenaed by a court of law

3. In consideration of the benefits to be derived from the therapy and testing, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I hereby release, remise and forever discharge and covenant not to sue or hold legally liable North Texas Counseling Associates, PLLC, its employees or members from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature related to the counseling or testing process. I also give permission for my therapist to converse with other entities in the group practice to provide the best possible treatment.

4. The clinical records are the property of North Texas Counseling Associates, PLLC and are deemed records of confidential sessions between therapists and clients. I waive any right I may otherwise have to seek to use the clinical records of the counseling center as evidence in any judicial proceedings. I understand that if anyone from this office is subpoenaed or court ordered to testify in court as an expert witness, court fees are separate from the therapist's regular therapy rates. Court appearances, depositions, and attorney consultations are \$150.00 per hour (including all time involved in preparation, research, parking fees, mileage, travel time to and from the court house and all other expenses incurred in relation to testifying). A retainer of \$900.00 is to be paid prior to the court date. If the full amount of the retainer is not needed to complete the court testifying process, then the remainder of the funds will be refunded. If the costs for the testifying process exceed the amount of the retainer, then those fees will be billed to you and are due upon receipt of the invoice. The party issuing the subpoena is responsible for the testifying fees. Any request for written documentation provided by the therapist to a third party will be billed at \$100/hour. Payment is required upon completion of documentation.

**5. Any client that has more than 3 no show fees, late cancellation fees, or combination of both on their account, the individual forfeits future standing appointments. If any more than 3 cancellations on a recurring appointment occur, then the client forfeits that time for future appointments. 24-hour notice is required for all cancellations to avoid a \$75.00 fee for Dr. Jennie Fincher & Bailey McAdams and a \$50 fee for all LPC Interns and Practicum Interns. If you fail to respond to communication for a late cancellation or missed appointment the card on file will be charged for the amount owed.**

**All accounts are required to have a credit card on file.**

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Card:  DC  VISA  MC

6. NTCA is not a crisis therapy practice. If at any time you become extremely emotionally distressed or are in danger of hurting yourself or someone else, please call 911 for assistance. We do not provide an on-call service at this time. You can also contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273- 8255 (TALK).

7. Therapy sessions last approximately forty-five (45) minutes. Therapy fees vary based on a sliding scale. Fees are due at the beginning of each therapy session. Testing is billed at a rate of \$150 per hour of service. If testing is not paid in full, then a payment plan must be signed for remittance of payment at the feedback session. All services of NTCA are out of network with all insurance providers. Client are responsible for paying 100% of all sessions provided, regardless of filing with their out of network benefits.

### Privacy Practice Notice:

The Notice of Privacy Practices for NTCA is provided at the time of initial service and available upon request. The Notice of Privacy Practices describes the types of uses and disclosures of my Protected Health Information (PHI) that will occur in my treatment, payment of my bills and the rights I have regarding my PHI.

*I, the undersigned, consent to treatment and to North Texas Counseling Associates Notice of Privacy Practices. My signature below indicates that I grant informed consent for North Texas Counseling Associates, PLLC to provide psychological services and counseling to myself and/or minor members of my family. I further understand that without 24-hour notice of cancellation, I will be charged \$75.00 for Dr. Jennie Fincher & Bailey McAdams and \$50 fee for all Interns and Practicum Interns with the credit card on file unless otherwise specified. I authorize NTCA to charge the card on file for any unpaid fees after 30 days of services being completed.*

Client/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Child/Adolescent Client Form

<b>Today's Date:</b>	<b>Referred by:</b>
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### CHILD/ADOLESCENT INFORMATION

Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	DOB:	Age:
Street Address:	Home Phone:		
City, State, Zip:	Cell Phone:		
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother Name:	Father Name:
Street Address (if different):	Street Address (if different):
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Cell/Home Phone:	Cell/Home Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Email:	Email:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Marital Status of Biological Parents: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
If divorced, how long have the biological parents been divorced?	
Has either biological parent remarried? <input type="checkbox"/> Mother (Age of child at the time ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Father (Age of child at the time ____ )	
If divorced, who has legal custody? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full custody <input type="checkbox"/> Joint custody	
<b>Please provide documentation of the legal custody agreement or divorce decree at the time of your first session.</b>	
<b>*Annual Household income:</b>	

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:	Relationship:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:

### Name of child/adolescent's physician

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	Fax Number:

### PRESENTING CONCERNS

Please describe the problems your child/adolescent is now having and what type of services you are seeking from us for these problems.

What do you hope your child/adolescent will gain or change by coming to us for services?

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## ACADEMIC HISTORY

What is your child/adolescent's current grade:

Which, if any, grades did they repeat?

Child/Adolescent's School:

Has your child/adolescent ever been told they have special educational needs?  Yes  No **If yes**, what was done about it:

504 Plan  Behavior Intervention Plan  Psychological Evaluation  I.E.P.  Speech Evaluation  Occupation Therapy Evaluation

Current Teachers:

Does your child/adolescent have problems in school with:  Grades  Behavior  Detention  Suspension  Expulsion  Bullying

## EARLY PERSONAL HISTORY

What city and state was your child/adolescent born?

Who currently lives in the home with the child/adolescent?

Please list the child/adolescent's **siblings**:

Name	age	
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Sister
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Sister
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Sister
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Sister
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Half-Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Sister

Where is your child/adolescent in the birth order (e.g., youngest, oldest)?

Please list any special needs or concerns regarding the other children living in your home:

Who is raising your child/adolescent?  Both parents  Mom  Dad  Grandparents  Foster home  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe** your child/adolescent's early home life:

Types of discipline used in the home (check all that apply):  take away a privilege  assign an additional chore  send to room

physical punishment  reason with child  yell at child  ground child  send to time-out  other:

Has your child/adolescent ever been:  Physically abused  Sexually abused  Emotionally abused

Who abused them and how? How old were they when this happened?

## MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

Has your child/adolescent ever seen a psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor?  Yes  No

List all mental health or substance abuse diagnoses your child/adolescent has had:  None

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Has your child/adolescent ever been suicidal? Please explain.

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Do any family members have mental health problems?

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Is there any family history of the following?

Autism Spectrum Disorders    Learning Problems/Disabilities    ADHD    Depression    Anxiety Disorders    Psychosis/Schizophrenia

Substance Abuse/Dependence    Intellectual Disability    Other Mental Health Concern

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Were there any complications with the pregnancy   Yes   No   (If yes, please provide details of complications on the back of this page)

Was birth a full term?   Yes   No   Type of Delivery:   Spontaneous   Induced   Vaginal   C-Section

Has your child/adolescent ever had a head injury or been hit in the head?   Yes   No   Did they lose consciousness?   Yes   No

Has your child/adolescent ever had a fever above 104°?   Yes   No   If yes, please explain:

Has your child/adolescent ever had a seizure?   Yes   No   If yes, please explain:

List any medical problems.

**Mental Health/Substance Abuse Hospitalizations** (Inpatient, PHP, IOP - Use back page if necessary.)

Date	Reason for Treatment	Hospital	Duration of Treatment	Treatment Response (helpfulness)

**Counseling/Therapy** (Individual, Family, Group, Play Therapy - Use back page if necessary.)

Date	Reason for Treatment	Treatment Provider	Duration of Treatment	Treatment Response (helpfulness)

**Current Medications** (List any prescription medications your child/adolescent is currently taking. Use back if necessary)

Name of Drug	Reason for Taking It	Date Started	Frequency Taken	Strength	Has it been helpful?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Describe any side effects that they find troublesome from any of the medications they are currently taking.

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Does your child/adolescent generally take their medications as prescribed?  Yes  Take too much  Don't always take

What other psychiatric medications have they taken in the past?

## Substance Use

List any substance use problems your child/teen has experienced (marijuana, alcohol, etc.)

When did this problem first begin?

## ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING / SOCIAL FUNCTIONING

(Use the back of pages as necessary to answer completely)

What time does your child/adolescent: get up in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_ go to bed at night? \_\_\_\_\_

What does your child/adolescent do with their time? How do they spend their day?

List your child/adolescent's **close** friends and how long they have known them:

Child/Adolescent's extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs, hobbies, lessons, etc:

Football  Baseball  Cheerleading  Basketball  Soccer  Karate  Music Lessons  Scouts  Dance  Choir  Gymnastics  Other

## RELIGIOUS HISTORY

Is your child/adolescent religious/spiritual?

What role does religion/spirituality play in your child/adolescent's life?

How regularly does your child/adolescent attend religious/spiritual services?

## LEGAL HISTORY

How many **juvenile arrests** has your child/adolescent had? \_\_\_\_\_ When and what were they for? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times has your child/adolescent been: in jail? \_\_\_\_\_ convicted? \_\_\_\_\_ on probation? \_\_\_\_\_ violated probation? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CURRENT STATUS

Please check any of the following that apply to your child/adolescent presently or in the recent past:

- Abuse, Physical
  - Abuse, Sexual
  - Abuse, Verbal
  - Aggressive
  - Alcohol/Drug Use
  - Anger
  - Anxiety
  - Bad Dreams
  - Change in Appetite
  - Communication
  - Concentration
  - Cutting/Self harm
  - Difficulty Breathing
  - Eating Problems
  
  - Friends
  - Grief
  - Headaches
  - Hearing Noises/Voices
  - Hopelessness
  - Impulsive
  - Loneliness
  - Nervousness
  - Making Decisions
  - Pain
  - Panic
  - Problems sleeping
  - Rapid Heart Rate
  - Racing Thoughts
  - Seeing Thing
  - Self-Control
  - Shyness
  - Stress
  - Stomach Trouble
  - Terminal Illness
  - Trauma
  - Trouble Relaxing
  - Unhappiness
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_