

Just A Step Counseling, PLLC

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Thank you for choosing Just A Step Counseling, PLLC

Appointment will last 45-60 min.

Thank you for paying your fee at the time of service.

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For true emergencies, please call 911

Client Name _____

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Consent For Treatment

Statement of Professional Disclosure

You may access the laws and regulations which govern said professionals at the following website:

LPC: <https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/>

Rights as a Client of Just A Step Counseling, PLLC

Please make sure you read and understand this and all forms.

Counseling services are voluntary. By signing this form you acknowledge you are consenting to receive services necessary for yourself, your child and/or family, including diagnosis and treatment. Your consent to receive services does not waive your legal rights as recognized under Oklahoma law. Our conversations and your records are confidential. Information regarding your records or services is not available to anyone unless:

- You give your written permission on a release of information form.
- A court orders me to disclose records.
- A legal guardian gives written permission to release the information of a minor child.
- In an emergency situation when your personal safety or the safety of others may be threatened (Duty to Warn).
- There is a suspicion or report of abuse or neglect of children, elderly or disabled persons.

No Secrets Policy

As a systemically trained therapist, I view the client, couple, and/ or family as the unit of treatment. Therefore, I adhere to a "no secrets policy" in my work. All information disclosed will be considered part of therapy and may be discussed within the unit of treatment.

You have a right to review all written reports about my work before they are sent/released.

You may request to have communication between therapist and your Primary Care Provider regarding evaluation and treatment information upon signing a release of information form. Upon request that your records be sent to another professional or agency, your wishes will be fulfilled with promptness upon receipt of your written request for information and provided there is no outstanding balance on your account.

Requested records may be protected under 42 C.F.R. Part 2, governing Alcohol and Drug Abuse patient records, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. pts. 160 & 164, State Confidentiality laws and regulations and cannot be released without your consent unless otherwise provided for by regulations. State and Federal law regulations prohibit any further disclosure of such records without your specific written consent or when otherwise permitted by such regulation.

Note: At least one parent or guardian must consent to the therapy of any minor children.

As a client, you have the right to leave the premises at any time. You are not to be detained against your wishes unless you are a danger to yourself or others.

You have the right to refuse any service which you do not want and to discontinue any services you have already started. However, if you choose to discontinue treatment against professional advice, a notation to that effect will be placed in your records. In the event of court-ordered clients, the terms of the court may supersede this right.

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Services

I provide family, couples, and individual therapeutic services, which include, but are not limited to the following:

<i>Individual</i>	<i>Couples</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>[Adult, Adolescent, & Child]</i> Anxiety and/or Depression Anger Management Adjustment Addiction Coping and Loss Identity	<i>[Premarital & Marital]</i> Communication Conflict Resolution Domestic Violence Infidelity Sexuality & Intimacy	<i>[New, Step, Blended, & Extended]</i> Parenting Boundaries Divorce Adjustment Crisis Intervention

Services do *not* include:

- Personality, ability, or vocational interest testing or evaluations.
- Custody evaluations
- Prescription of medications or treatment of problems for which medication or hospitalization may be the treatment of choice, such as major depression, suicidal intention, hallucinations, delusions, etc.

Emergency Services:

I am not an emergency service. Therefore, in the event of an emergency, you are advised to contact the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433), Reachout National Hotline Crisis and Information Line at 1-800-522-9054 , dial 911, or go to the emergency room of the nearest hospital.

Counseling, Legal Issues, Court Reports and Testimony

As a counselor, I am frequently asked to provide counseling services to a child or family, whose parents or guardians are involved with legal disputes or challenges involving custody, visitation or other court related issues. The regulations and codes of ethics under which I practice my profession specifically describe how I legally may or may not conduct my services in matters involving legal decisions.

If I accept a child, adult or family as a client for counseling services, I cannot be used as an expert witness for any forensic purposes. As your counselor, I would only be able to serve as a "fact" witness in any legal report, deposition or testimony. I could only provide factual information about services you received, and only when the client and/or legal guardian gives her/his written permission to waive confidentiality. Waivers of privilege/ confidentiality must describe what specific information is to be released, to whom, for what purpose and for how long the release is valid. As a factual witness, I may not offer any conclusions, opinions or recommendations. I can report that I provided X number of sessions; that we have developed a counseling plan; what the goals and objectives of the plan are, and other "facts".

I will charge a fee for report writing, telephone consultations with attorneys, depositions, and court appearance and testimony. I will provide clients with a fee schedule that details the amounts charged for these services.

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****I have read the "Consent for Treatment" form and agree to the terms of consent. I understand and agree to the limits and conditions of therapy.****

Client Signature _____ Date _____

Client Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Client Name _____

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