

Dennis Gates, Mental Health LLC

Consent for Evaluation and/or Treatment (Adult/Minor)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

1. **Consent to Evaluate/Treat:** I voluntarily consent that I or my child will participate in a mental health (e.g. psychological or psychiatric) evaluation and/or treatment by staff from Dennis Gates, Mental Health LLC. I understand that following the evaluation and/or treatment, complete and accurate information will be provided concerning each of the following areas:
 - a. The benefits of the proposed treatment
 - b. Alternative treatment modes and services
 - c. The way treatment will be administered
 - d. Expected side effects from the treatment and/or the risks of side effects from medications (when applicable).
 - e. Probable consequences of not receiving treatment

The evaluation or treatment will be conducted by a psychotherapist, a psychologist, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, a psychiatrist, a licensed therapist or an individual supervised by any of the professionals listed. Treatment will be conducted within the boundaries of Maryland Law for Psychological, Psychiatric, Nursing, Social Work, Professional Counseling, or Marriage and Family Counseling.

2. **Benefits to Evaluation/Treatment:** Evaluation and treatment may be administered with psychological interviews, psychotherapy, medication management, as well as expectations regarding the length and frequency of treatment. It may be beneficial to me, as well as the referring professional, to understand the nature and cause of any difficulties affecting my daily functioning, so that appropriate recommendations and treatments may be offered. Uses of this evaluation include diagnosis, evaluation of recovery or treatment, estimating prognosis, and education and rehabilitation planning. Possible benefits to treatment include improved cognitive or academic/job performance, health status, quality of life, and awareness of strengths and limitations.
3. **Charges:** Fees are based on the length or type of the evaluation or treatment, which are determined by the nature of the service. I will be responsible for any charges not covered by insurance, including co-payments and deductibles. Disclosure of fees are available to me upon request.
4. **Confidentiality, Harm, and Inquiry:** Information from my(my child) evaluation and/or treatment is contained in a confidential medical record at Dennis Gates, Mental Health LLC, and I consent to disclosure for use by Dennis Gates, Mental Health LLC staff for the purpose of continuity of my or my child's care. Per Maryland mental health law, information provided will be kept confidential with the following exceptions: 1) if I am or my child is deemed to present a danger to myself or others; 2) if concerns about possible abuse or neglect arise; or 3) if a court order is issued to obtain records.
5. **Right to Withdraw Consent:** I have the right to withdraw my or my child's consent for evaluation and/or treatment at any time by providing a written request to the treating clinician.

6. **Expiration of Consent:** This consent to treat will expire 12 months from the date of signature, unless otherwise specified.

I have read and understand the above, have had an opportunity to ask questions about this information, and I consent to the evaluation and treatment. I also attest that I have the right to consent for treatment. I understand that I have the right to ask questions of me or my child's service provider about the above information at any time.

Signature of patient or legal guardian for minor under age 18

Date