

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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Thank you for choosing Lori C. Oge MA, LPC. Today's appointment will take approximately 50-55 minutes. I realize that starting counseling is a major decision and you may have many questions. This document is intended to inform you of policies, state and federal laws and your rights. If you have other questions or concerns, please ask and I will try my best to give you all the information you need.

The Privacy of your therapy and counseling is considered to be of the utmost importance to your therapist. There are times, however, when information must be shared with others. These are:

Legal and Ethical Issues and Those required by law - Missouri State Law requires all therapists to adhere to the following policies:

- Mandated reporting of physical or sexual abuse of children and elderly to the Division of Family Services.
- Threats of suicide or homicide - Whenever a therapist has concerns that you may present a danger to yourself or others, legal and ethical standards require that steps be taken to ensure the safety of those in danger. Most of the time, this can be done within the privacy of the treatment room. However, there are occasions when your family, your doctor, hospital and the potential victim, or even the police must be notified.
- Cases where the client signs a release of information.
- Information necessary for supervision or consultation.

I have read and understand the above information and agree to these policies. I understand I am responsible for all charges.

Client's Signature

Date