

**PROVIDED AS INFORMATION ONLY
NO RECOMMENDATION OR ENDORSEMENT**

CHECKING VALIDITY OF CONSENT: Do clients read them? Because of crisis, backgrounds, cultures, worldviews, etc... you need to test validity of the consent.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO VERBALLY STATE THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR CLIENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE CLINICAL RELATIONSHIP:

- Information about the clinical relationship
- Information about mandatory reporting

**PUT THIS INFORMATION INTO YOUR OWN WORDS—
WORDS THAT YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH...**

You have the right to autonomy & self-determination; a right to privacy concerning medical information; a right to participate in treatment decisions; and refuse treatment.

“I have an ethical responsibility not to form relationships outside the counseling relationship with my clients” *[You can talk more about situations that are relevant or of concern to you, your client or your situation-IE: Rural town]*

The counseling relationship cannot guarantee saved marriages, continued employment, social acceptance, or elimination of presenting symptoms. Nor, is it a guarantee that symptoms won't worsen. If you ever feel counseling is not helping you, please talk to me.

There are many options available that we can discuss.

You'll help the process by being present, talking and sharing, and being honest.

I will take every precaution to protect your confidentiality, however if you share with me harmful intentions toward yourself or toward others, or speak of abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults, you could place me in the position of having to report to appropriate sources according to the laws.

HOWEVER, with this said, please do not withhold such thoughts and feeling—I am here to help and support you as needed.