



♥ **Adult Background Information** ♥

Today's Date: _____

<Identifying Information>

The following information is used to best determine a treatment plan. Completing this form as fully and accurately as possible will help facilitate this process. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of the questions, feel free to put an "X" through those sections.

Name(Last, First):	Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____
Address: _____ OK to send letters: Yes _____, No _____	
Home Phone: _____	OK to leave messages: Yes _____, No _____
Cell Phone: _____	OK to leave messages: Yes _____, No _____
Work: _____	OK to leave messages: Yes _____, No _____
Email Address: _____	OK to email: Yes _____, No _____
Ethnicity: African American (), Asian (), Bi-racial (), Caucasian () Hispanic/Latin () Native American (), Other(explain):	
Marital Status: Single __, Engaged __, Married __, Re-married __, Separated __, Divorce __, Widowed __, Partnered/Other __	
Spouse's Name: _____, Age _____, Spouse's occupation: Spouse's Contact Number: _____ OK to communicate: Yes _____, No _____	
Person we should contact in the event of an emergency: Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone number: _____	
Current Employment:	
Where were you born?	
How long have you lived in the city you live in currently?	
Who do you live with?	
What do you like to do for fun? (hobbies, activities) _____	
Is there anything about your current or past relationships that would be helpful to know in counseling? _____ _____	

<Referral Information>

1. By whom where you referred? _____
2. Have you been seen previously for psychological or psychiatric treatment? Y/N: ____
If yes, previous professional (Agency): _____
Phone: _____ When: _____ How long: _____
Was an evaluation completed? _____ What type of evaluation? _____
(If yes, please attach a copy of evaluation to this questionnaire)
Will you grant permission for us to consult with this professional:
(If yes, please sign attached "Authorization to request confidential information" form)
3. Describe your major concerns, including duration of those concerns and any previous attempts to resolve them.

4. Please indicate with "X" mark how severe your concerns are at this point in time:
____ Mildly upsetting
____ Moderately severe
____ Very severe
____ Extremely severe
____ Incapacitating
5. How often does the problem behavior occur? (5x/day, 2x/week, etc) _____
6. How long have you had this problems? _____

7. How is this problem affecting you at home? At work? In relationship?

8. Please describe below any major life stressors that have occurred to you or your family during the past year.
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9. What goals do you have for your treatment?
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10. Anything else you think I need to know?
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11. Please describe your strengths
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<Background Information>

Family History

1. Please list household members, beginning with the oldest member and include yourself

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Gender	Relationship

2. Please list other persons closely involved with you and your family but not living in your home (e.g., older children, grandparents, sisters, teachers, religious leaders, etc.)

Name	Relationship to Child	Place of Residence	Frequency of Visits

3. How long have you lived at the current address? _____

4. Please describe any religious or cultural beliefs you would like incorporated into your treatment.

5. Marital Status: Single___, Engaged___, Married___, Re-married___,
 Separated___, Divorce___, Widowed___, Partnered/Other___

6. Spouse's age____, Spouse's occupation:_____, Length of relationship_____
Describe strengths of current relationship: _____

Describe areas of concern of incompatibility in the relationship: _____

Give details of any previous marriages (length, children, etc) _____

7. Are there any fearful or distressing experiences regarding your family life which stand out in your mind which were not previously mentioned? (briefly describe)

8. Are there other family members that you are close with? _____

9. Do you have people outside your biological family that you feel are "like family" and in whom you can confide? _____

Extended Family History

Parents

Mother's Name: _____	Father's Name: _____
Age:_____, Health issues? _____	Age:_____, Health issues? _____
Occupation: _____	Occupation: _____
Highest grade completed: _____	Highest grade completed: _____
Parental Marital Status: Never Married (), Married (), Remarried (), Divorced () Separated (), Widowed (), Partnered/Other (), # of Marriage ()	
If applicable, your age at time of parental separation, divorce, or death:	

1. How do you get along with your father? Poor ____, Average ____, Great ____

- Is there anything about your relationship with your father that would be helpful to know in counseling? _____
- How do you get along with your mother? Poor ____, Average ____, Great ____
- Is there anything about your relationship with your mother that would be helpful to know in counseling? _____

Parent's history of learning, emotional, or behavioral problem: Yes (), No () if yes, mother ____, father ____, or both ____, please explain:
Parent's history of alcohol/drug/substance abuse: Yes (), No () if yes, mother ____, father ____, or both ____, please explain:
Parent's history of domestic violence: Yes (), No () if yes, mother ____, father ____, or both ____, please explain:
Parent's history of criminal activity: Yes (), No () if yes, mother ____, father ____, or both ____, please explain:
Parent's history of sexual/verbal/mental abuse: Yes (), No () if yes, mother ____, father ____, or both ____, please explain:

Siblings

- Number of siblings: _____
- Your birth order: Youngest ____, Middle ____, Oldest ____, Other ____
- Names, ages, and how do you get along?
 _____ Poor ____, Average ____, Great ____
 _____ Poor ____, Average ____, Great ____
 _____ Poor ____, Average ____, Great ____

Self-Description

Please give a word-picture of yourself as you would be described by:

- Spouse or significant other: _____
- Your best friend: _____
- Someone who dislikes you: _____
- Self-description: _____

Medical Information

- Primary Care Physician: Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
- When was your last physical? _____
- Are you aware of any significant information about your birth or development?

- Present or Chronic Illnesses: _____
- Current Medication (Indicate dosage and prescribing physician) _____
- Past Psychiatric Medications:

Medication	Dosage	Response	How long	Why stopped
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
- Please indicate with a "X" mark if your childhood/adolescent/young adult history includes any of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth complications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attention difficulties
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	Major childhood illnesses		Victim of sexual abuse
	Major childhood injuries		Victim of physical abuse
	Major childhood stresses		Victim of parental domestic violence
	Head injury (major or minor)		Difficult family situation
	Seizures		Problematic childhood/adolescence
	Substance or alcohol abuse		Childhood behavior problems
	Childhood anxiety		Childhood legal problems
	Childhood depression		Learning disabilities
	allergies		Parental separation/divorce
	Separation from parents		Adoption

8. Please provide details concerning checked items:

9. Number of hours of sleep per night_____

10. Frequent waking or nightmares?___, if so, specify (frequency, etc):_____

11. Do you have concerns about your weight? _____

12. What percentage of food is home cooked? _____

13. Describe any unusual eating habits (picky eater, eating nonedible items, etc.)

Educational/Occupational Information

Education

1. Highest grade completed in school, including degrees earned (indicate subject major).

2. Describe your academic strengths.

3. Describe any academic difficulties.

4. Compared to other students you went to school with as a child, how would you rate your overall intelligence level?

Below average____, Average____, Average____, Gifted____

Occupation

1. Describe your current employment position: _____

Number of years _____

2. List other positions you have held:

Type of Job

Years

3. Are you satisfied with your present work? Yes____, No____

4. If yes, in what ways are you **satisfied**? _____

5. If no, in what ways are you **dissatisfied**? _____

6. Any conflicts with co-workers or supervisors? _____

Mental health history

1. Have you ever received counseling treatment in the past? Yes____, No____ If yes, please list:

Dates of Care	Provider	Purpose/Outcome
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
2. Have you ever been hospitalized for a mental health condition? Yes___, No___ If yes, please describe when, where and why: _____

3. Are you having thoughts of wanting to harm yourself? Yes____, No____
 If yes, intensity of thoughts is: Mild____, Moderate____, Severe____
 If yes, do you have a plan or intend to harm yourself? Yes____, No____
4. Have you ever thought about or attempted to harm yourself in any way? Yes____, No____
 If yes, intensity of thoughts is: Mild____, Moderate____, Severe____
 Please explain (when): _____

5. Have you ever thought about or inflicted physical violence on another person? Yes____, No____
 If yes, intensity of thoughts is: Mild____, Moderate____, Severe____
 Please explain: _____

6. List any family history of mental health problems. Please list the relation to you:

7. Are you currently taking any psychiatric medications? Yes___, No___ If yes, please list medication,dosage and prescriber: _____

8. Any psychiatric medication taken in the past? (please list) _____
9. Are you in a relationship in which you have been hurt or threatened? Yes____, No____
10. Legal issues due to domestic violence for you or partner? Yes____, No____

Drug & Alcohol Use

1. Do you think drug or alcohol use contributes to your current problems in life? Yes____, No____
 If yes, please explain current substance use: _____
2. Have you ever felt the need to cut down on your drinking or drugging? Yes____, No____
3. Have you ever been annoyed by someone criticizing your drinking or drugging? Yes____, No____
4. Have you ever felt guilty about your drinking? Yes____, No____
5. Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves Yes____, No____
 or for a hangover (eye-opener) Yes____, No____?
6. Do you think you have a current problem with drugs or alcohol? Yes____, No____
7. Do you have a past history of an alcohol or drug problem? Yes____, No____
8. Have you ever been in drug/alcohol treatment? Yes____, No____
 If yes, please explain: _____

Present Concerns

Emotional

Excessive crying	Gives up when challenged
Overreacts to normal situations with excessive anger, fear, sadness, etc	Appears depressed
Feeling guilty or shameful	Feeling sadness depression or suicidal urges

		<u>related to grief.</u>
	Disturbing memories (past abuse, neglect or other traumatic experience)	Feeling sadness depression or suicidal urges <u>NOT related to grief.</u>
	Excessive fear and often worried	Appears excessively angry
	Unexplained fears and anxiety	Mood swings
	Specific fears	Panic attacks
	Frequent nightmares or bad dreams	Low self-esteem
	Excessive happy	Major weight loss or unexplained weight loss
	Excessive anger or aggressive behaviors	Lacking interest in things once enjoyed
	Loss of energy	Recent changes in sleeping and eating patterns
	Feeling fatigued	Heard voices when no one was around
	Eating too much or major weight gain	Thoughts of harming or killing myself
	Excessive complaints about aches and pains	Suicidal attempts/self harm/cutting
	Feel inferior, not good enough	Unable to relax
	Feeling overwhelmed by life	Previous suicidal thoughts & attempts

Behavioral

	Taken advantage of	Communication difficulties
	Withdrawn	Hyperactive
	Frequently fights or arguments with others	Slapping, hitting, shoving
	Frequent fights or arguments with family members	Sleep problem (nightmares, night-terror, sleeping too much or too little, etc.)
	Impulsive	Overreacting to things
	Alcohol and/or drug use	Difficulty focusing
	Accident—prone	Poorly organized
	Temper outbursts	Experiences difficulty <u>starting</u> tasks
	Serious over-eating or under-eating	Acts before thinking
	Daydreaming	Can't sit still
	Back pain	Experiences difficulty planning
	Headaches	Difficulty making decisions
	Digestive problems	Rapid heart beat/pounding heart
	Stomach pain	Abuse (physical, emotional, sexual)
	Health concerns (physical complaints and/or medical problems)	Serious depression (Listlessness, loneliness, withdrawal, or difficulty making friends)
	Chest pain	Troubled with law
	Relationship problems	Not completing work/tasks
	Housing problems	Ran away
	Financial problems	People are following me
	Attention problems/Poor concentration	People are watching me
	Adjustment to life changes (changing schools, parent's divorcing, moving, etc.)	A need to wash, count, or perform certain rituals many times per day to avoid unsubstantiated danger
	Engages in risky behaviors	Inappropriate sexual comments and/or behaviors

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire thoroughly!