Date: _____ Client number: _____

FairView Counseling and The Play Therapy Center

Office Policies and Consent for Treatment

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FairView Counseling and Play Therapy Center

Client Information Form

Name of person completing this form _____

Cell / Home / Work	Cell / Home / Work	Cell / Home / Work
# 1 _____	# 2 _____	# 3 _____
Day / Evening	Day / Evening	Day/ Evening

Adult Client

Client's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Employer _____

Emergency Contact and Phone_____

Child Client

Client's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Parents are Unmarried Married Separated Divorced Other

Emergency Contact and Phone_____

Biological Mother's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Employer _____

Biological Father's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Employer _____

Date: _____

Client number: _____

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Date: _____ Client number: _____

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Acknowledgement of Privacy Practices

A copy of the Privacy Practices is provided in the waiting room and at reception and is located on our website.

I acknowledge Notice of Privacy Practices, (HIPAA) effective April 14, 2003.

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Date: _____

Client number: _____

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FairView Counseling and The Play Therapy Center

Financial Policy & Contract For Clients Utilizing Sliding Fee Scale

We accept cash, check, and most credit cards.
If you are using our Slide Fee Scale, your contracted fee is due at the beginning of each session.
Fees incurred for returned checks are the client's responsibility.

Client name _____

- **Verification of income is required at the initial session or full fee will be charged.**
- If there is a change in your financial situation, please contact our office manager so that your information can be updated.
- **Supplementary Correspondence** such as completing forms, writing letters, copying therapy records, etc. requires therapist time away from patient care. We may require payment at a rate of $25.00 per 15-minute unit of time depending on the length and complexity of your request. *These fees are your direct responsibility. *FVC reserves the right to change fees without notice.

Household Member Name	**Relationship to You**	**Gross Income** (before deductions)
	Self	$ □ Weekly □ Bi-Weekly □ Monthly □ Yearly
	Spouse / Significant Other	$ □ Weekly □ Bi-Weekly □ Monthly □ Yearly
	Other	$ □ Weekly □ Bi-Weekly □ Monthly □ Yearly

Do you receive child support and/or alimony? No Yes If Yes, amount per week $ _____
Do you receive unemployment compensation? No Yes If Yes, amount per week $ _____
Do you receive any other income? No Yes If Yes, amount per week $ _____
(Worker's compensation, social security, etc) **Total Gross Income**: $_____

To be completed by office staff only

I agree to pay the sliding scale rate of $ _____ for the initial evaluation and $ _____ for regular therapy sessions.
I understand that this rate will be reviewed every 6 months and could change, depending on my financial situation.
Effective Date_____/_____/_____

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FairView Counseling and The Play Therapy Center

Consent to Release Information to Primary Care Physician/ Referral

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FairView Counseling emphasizes communication among treating professionals; specifically, with your Primary Care Physician. We often send a summary after the intake session so that your PCP is aware of your diagnosis and treatment plan and can better address your needs.

Please check one of the following:

_____ Yes, I authorize FairView Counseling to communicate with my Primary Care Physician.

Physician Name _____
Practice Name _____
Phone _____
Fax _____

_____ No, I do not authorize FairView Counseling to communicate with my Primary Care Physician.

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Referral Source

How did you hear about Fairview Counseling and The Play Therapy Center?

□ PCP /Pediatrician (above)
□ School/ Guidance
□ Phone Book
□ Insurance Company
□ Lawyer
□ Internet
□ Current/ Previous FairView Client
□ Friend/Family
□ EAP
□ Other _____

If you were referred by a professional referral source, please provide their information.

Name /Agency _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Date: _____ Client number: _____

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Date: _____ Client number: _____

FairView Counseling and Play Therapy Center

Consent for Teacher Feedback

FairView Counseling emphasizes communication among treating professionals. We would like to send this confidential Teacher Feedback form to your child's teacher and/or guidance counselor so that we may better understand how he/she functions at school. Feel free to bring this up with your therapist.

_____ Yes, I authorize FVC to communicate with my child's school. _____ No, I do not authorize.

Name of School _____

Name of teacher/guidance _____

Address _____

PRINT Client name _____

Client signature (age 14+)_____ Date_____

PRINT Parent/Guardian name (if client is a child) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____Date_____

Do not write below this line – to be completed by school

To _____

From:
- □ Elizabeth W. Gonzalez, LPC, RPT-S
- □ Kathryn Davis, PsyD, RPT-S
- □ Kimberly Ring, LPC
- □ Melissa B. Reber, LCSW, RPT
- □ Amanda L. Latshaw, LSW

The above-named child is a client of mine in play therapy at FairView Counseling and The Play Therapy Center. I would appreciate your feedback so that I can develop a comprehensive treatment plan to best help this child make progress on therapeutic goals.

Teacher Feedback

Check any of the following that is currently or has been a concern for this child

□ Speech/language	□ Anxiety	□ Slow learner	□ Shy/timid	□ Sleep
□ Trouble with friends	□ Organization	□ Sadness	□ Anger	□ Aggression
□ Prefers to be alone	□ Memory	□ Stomach trouble	□ Nervous	□ Handwriting
□ Difficult to engage	□ Social Skills	□ Reckless behavior	□ Depressed	□ Coordination
□ Fights with peers	□ Tantrums	□ Can't relax	□ Overactive	□ Odd habits
□ Fights with adults	□ Transitions	□ Attention	□ Obsessive	□ Stealing
□ Destroys property	□ Self-esteem	□ Impulsive	□ Stealing	□ Anger

Date: _____ Client number: _____

Rate and describe how the above difficulties impact this child in the following areas:

Relationships with peers **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**
No Problems **Significant Problems**
Describe_____
_____

Relationships with adults **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**
No Problems **Significant Problems**
Describe_____
_____

Academic Progress **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**
No Problems **Significant Problems**
Describe_____
_____

Classroom in general **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**
No Problems **Significant Problems**
Describe_____
_____

Self-esteem **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**
No Problems **Significant Problems**
Describe_____
_____

Describe what you see as this child's major difficulties. Please provide examples.

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Thank you so much for your feedback, I look forward to communicating with you in the future.

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Child & Adolescent Questionnaire

Client name_____ Age_____ Gender_____ DOB_____

Person completing this form (relationship to child)_____

Describe the reason for seeking treatment for your child (developmental, behavioral, emotional, academic, relational issues, recent stressors)

_____

_____

_____

_____

Check any of the following that is currently or has been a concern for your child

□ Speech/language	□ Anxiety	□ Slow learner	□ Shy/timid	□ Sleep
□ Trouble with friends	□ Wets bed	□ Sadness	□ Self-injury	□ Poor appetite
□ Prefers to be alone	□ Bites nails	□ Stomach trouble	□ Nervous	□ Attention
□ Fights with siblings	□ Sucks thumb	□ Reckless behavior	□ Depressed	□ Coordination
□ Fights with peers	□ Tantrums	□ Can't relax	□ Overactive	□ Odd habits
□ Fights with adults	□ Nightmares	□ Animal cruelty	□ Obsessive	□ Stubborn
□ Aggression	□ Self-esteem	□ Impulsive	□ Head banging	□ Anger
□ Destroys property	□ Suicidal thought	□ Bowel problems	□ Indecisive	□ Stealing

DEVELOPMENTAL/ MEDICAL/ SOCIAL HISTORY

Age of mother at pregnancy _____ Length of pregnancy _____ Birth weight _____ Type □ Vaginal □ C-section

Was this pregnancy planned? _____ Mother's health □ Good □ Fair □ Poor

Child's pediatrician _____ Date of last exam_____

Are your child's immunizations up to date? □ No □ Yes

Check the following

Any illness /complications during pregnancy?	□ N	□ Y (explain)
Did mother use alcohol/drugs during pregnancy?	□ N	□ Y (explain)
Any complications of delivery or birth defects?	□ N	□ Y (explain)
Was mother depressed or sad after delivery?	□ N	□ Y (explain)
Any problems with sleep or feeding?	□ N	□ Y (explain)

Describe child as an infant □ Pleasant □ Fussy □ Calm □ Colicky □ Irritable □ Hard to manage

Notes:

Check the following developmental milestones

Respond to parent	□ WNL	□ Late	Stood alone	□ WNL	□ Late
Spoke single words	□ WNL	□ Late	Walked	□ WNL	□ Late
Put two words together	□ WNL	□ Late	Toilet trained bladder	□ WNL	□ Late
Sat up	□ WNL	□ Late	Toilet trained bowel	□ WNL	□ Late
Crawled	□ WNL	□ Late			

How old was child when parent(s) returned to work? _____

Have there been any caregivers other than parent prior to kindergarten? □ No □ Yes

Caregiver Age Child's reaction/behavior

_____

_____

If your child has been treated for any the following, please check

□ Dizziness/fainting	□ Encephalitis	□ Hospitalizations	□ Seizures
□ Eating problems	□ Head injury	□ Broken bones	□ Diabetes
□ Visual problems	□ Cancer	□ Hearing problems	□ Surgeries
□ Vascular problems	□ Paralysis	□ Frequent nosebleeds	□ Loss of consciousness
□ Headaches	□ Skin conditions	□ Suicide attempt/thoughts	□ Memory problems
□ Allergies	□ Other		

Is your child on a special diet? □ N □ Y (describe)_____

CURRENTLY does your child take prescription medications/over the counter/supplements/vitamins? □ None

Drug	Dosage/Frequency	Start Date	Reason	Prescribed by

In the PAST has your child taken any medication for emotional/behavioral reasons? □ None

Drug	Dosage/Frequency	Start Date	Reason	Prescribed by

Has your child ever received mental health treatment? (including school guidance) □ None

Agency /Provider	Dates	Reason

Are there any additional physicians/therapists/professionals involved in your child's care? □ No □ Yes

If yes, describe_____

EDUCATION HISTORY

School/ District child presently attends _____ Grade _____

Primary teacher _____ School refusal □ No □ Yes

Guidance counselor _____

Please note any difficulty your child has at school (academic, attendance, peer relations) _____

_____

Does your child/has your child

Receive added services in school? (speech, resource room, separate classes)	□ N □ **Y** (describe)
Been suspended from school?	□ N □ **Y** (describe)
Been held back a grade?	□ N □ **Y** (describe)
Have an IEP/ 504 Plan?	□ N □ **Y** (describe)
Have any difficulties with Notes:	□ Reading □ Math □ Spelling □ Writing □ Science □ Organization

List your child's social/extracurricular activities _____

List your child's close friends (school/neighborhood) _____

Amount of screen time per _____ day _____ week

FAMILY HISTORY

Biological Mother's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Biological Father's name _____DOB _____Age_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

List family members and all others in the home

Name Age Relationship

_____

_____

_____

_____

List any other siblings not in the home

Name Age

_____

_____

_____

What type of discipline do you use in your home, and is it effective? _____

_____

Check applicable	(Describe)
□ Death of someone close	
□ Legal trouble	
□ Physical/ sexual abuse	
□ Domestic violence	
□ Emotional abuse	
□ Family moves	
□ Victim of a violent crime	
□ Motor vehicle accident	
□ Family drug/alcohol problems	
□ Family history of mental illness	
□ Family legal trouble	

* Separated / Divorced Families ONLY (skip if not applicable)

Mother's partner □ **None**

Name _____ Status: □ Dating □ Cohabitating □ Married

Age _____ City/state of residence _____ Quality of relationship with child_____

Father's partner □ **None**

Name _____ Status: □ Dating □ Cohabitating □ Married

Age _____ City/state of residence _____ Quality of relationship with child_____

Describe your separation/divorce	□ Amicable	□ Neutral	□ High Conflict
Describe your co-parenting	□ Amicable	□ Neutral	□ High Conflict
Is/Has CYS been involved with your family?		□ N	□ Y (Describe)
Is there an official (legal) custody agreement?		□ N	□ Y (Describe)
Are you involved in any legal action through which this treatment may become relevant?		□ N	□ Y (Describe)
Describe your child's custody schedule below *Example: sun -wed – mom's house, thurs- sat – dad's house*			

List any additional individual /environmental factors that may be relevant (cultural, financial)

_____

_____

_____

_____