

CLIENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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I am pleased you have selected me as your counselor. This document is designed to provide you with information you need regarding my background and to ensure that you understand our professional relationship. We will discuss any questions about this information or other preliminary matters at the beginning of our work together.

I am a "Licensed Professional Counselor" in North Carolina. I hold a Masters of Arts degree in Counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary – 1231 Reformation Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765, 407-366-9493, which was completed in May 2002. I have been practicing counseling since 2004 and I joined The Barnabas Center on September 1, 2018.

Counseling Services Offered/ Theoretical Approaches

I am grateful for my training at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL. While there I worked at the Oviedo Counseling Clinic, which was a low cost counseling center where clients could be seen by counseling students. I did over 250 hours of counseling with individuals and couples while in school. I also had 150 hours of group counseling experience. I saw people with depression, anxiety, history of sexual abuse, struggles with sexual addictions, emotional problems, marital crisis, and people who were grieving over the lost of loved ones. My group work included leading sexual addictions recovery groups and process groups for men and women seeking to grow in their relational skills. Since my time at RTS I act as a general mental health counselor seeing mostly men struggling with sexual addictions, anxiety, history of sexual abuse, grief and other issues related to marriage. I also see clients who are full time in ministry and who have been wounded by the church and need a safe place to share their stories and heal.

You can expect to work inside and outside of the counseling room. On occasion, I may request that you read books or interact with some assignment. Change is seldom quick and easy; therefore your consistent and ongoing effort will be very necessary.

I utilize an interpersonal and relational approach, which seeks to help facilitate positive change through the dynamics of the therapeutic relationship. I use an integrative approach

drawing from concepts and ideas set forth by a variety of authors and teachers in the Christian counseling field, most notable are Drs. Larry Crabb and Dan Allender. I also draw upon other theories such as: Object Relations, Gestalt, Emotionally Focused Therapy and Rogerian counseling. I use basic attending skills, transference/countertransference and validation skills. I may also employ cognitive behavioral therapy techniques as a way to correct cognitive distortions a client may have.

My approach focuses on looking at patterns of relating to others as a way of understanding how you think, believe and behave towards life. Because we look at patterns, we will be looking at your whole life, not just the part of your life dealing with an immediate problem. We will talk about the pain that you are experiencing and we will talk about the strategies you are employing to deal with that pain. Some of the issues we deal with may evoke some uncomfortable feelings like sadness, guilt, anxiety, anger or frustration. In addition, some of our work may lead to what seems to be worsening circumstances or even losses. Despite these risks, our goal will always be to examine the struggles in light of Christ's love and sacrifice for us.

I believe that talking through both the pain and the strategies you use to handle the pain will enable you to accept what you cannot change and find constructive ways, which are in your control, to work with present problems. Implicit in this process are the concepts of forgiveness, reconciliation, and character development. Sometimes change will be easy and swift, but more often it will be slow and deliberate.

Populations Served

My clients cover a lifespan from 18 years of age to retirement age. I primarily work with men, but on occasion will meet with couples. Most of the clients I work with seek counseling due to a variety of relational and personal issues.

I am not equipped to work individually with severe medical or psychological issues, and therefore will make appropriate medical or psychiatric referrals, as I deem necessary.

Confidentiality

The information you share with me as your counselor, including the fact that you are a client, will not be discussed outside the practice without your knowledge or consent, nor will your

records be sent to or shown to others without a signed release from you. As we work together, any exceptions to confidentiality will be identified as they arise. The legal standing of privileged communication is less clear in marital and family work where there are really multiple clients. There are, however, a few exceptions to your individual privilege of confidential communication:

a. Danger to yourself or others. If you threaten to harm either yourself or others, or to commit a felony, and if I believe you might do this, I am under obligation under the law to protect any involved people from physical harm.

b. Child abuse. If I have reason to believe that you are abusing or neglecting a child, I am obligated under North Carolina law to report that to the Department of Social Services. You should also be aware that "social service agencies" define a broad range of events as reportable under child protection status, including various types of hitting which could not be construed as acceptable discipline, whether or not bruises are made. Also, there are times in which child abuse which occurred quite some time ago may be legally required to be reported; usually when the victim of past abuse is still under the age of 18. Thus far, I have not seen Social Services take any action in such cases of past abuse.

c. Domestic abuse. If I have reason to believe that you are abusing or neglecting another dependent or elderly adult; or that you are being abused or neglected yourself, I am obligated under North Carolina law to report that to the Department of Social Services.

d. Supervision. In an effort to continue to grow as a Licensed Professional Counselor I will meet monthly for supervision with John Pierce, Clinical Director of Barnabas Counseling Center, Charlotte NC. He can be reached at (704) 365-4545 or by email at Jpierce@thebarnabascenter.org. Consequently your case may be discussed with my supervisor and other counselors as necessary.

e. Litigation and legal proceedings. In rare circumstances, counselors can be court ordered to release information.

Explanation of Dual Relationships

Ethics require that I explain to my clients that the counseling relationship is strictly a professional relationship despite the fact that the information shared in a counseling session may be of a very personal nature. Ethics also require

that all interactions between client and counselor be conducted in a professional manner.

Length of Sessions

Most counseling sessions run 50 minutes in length. Occasionally, it is necessary for a client to schedule a longer session (usually an hour and a half or two hours) if we seem to have trouble working within the hour time frame or if there is a problem with the frequency of visits. It is typical for a client to begin their counseling by scheduling an appointment on a once-a-week basis. However, we will schedule our sessions in a fashion that is mutually agreeable to both parties.

Cancellations

If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, **please call to cancel or reschedule at least 24 business hours in advance**. Otherwise, full payment for the session is required. This is because making an appointment reserves that time session only for you, the client, to the exclusion of others. Cancellations may be made by leaving a recorded message on my voice mail with the date and time.

Fees and Method of Payment

I will take payment by check, cash or credit/debit card at the beginning of each session and receipts are available at your request. The client assumes full responsibility for all expenses for counseling. If applicable a \$25 returned check fee will be charged.

The cost for each 50 minute session is \$125. The Barnabas Center staff raises funds to finance scholarships for clients who need them. Scholarships are available upon request and will be granted as available based on the sliding scale [annual gross household income]:

Income Fee

Under 25,000	\$55
25,001-50,000	\$70
50,001-70,000	\$80
70,001-100,000	\$100
Over 100,000	\$125

Applications for scholarship may be requested in person or by telephone through the office administrator. Your fee will be \$___ per session. Your scholarship fee will be _____ per session (to be determined upon application review).

Insurance Payments

Because I am not working with a full-time Psychologist or Psychiatrist and because my degree is at the Masters level, most insurance companies do not cover counseling sessions. However, should you think that your insurance company may be an exception to this; you are welcome to contact them and file a claim for insurance coverage. I am unable to make claims for you, but I will provide the information your insurance company may need. Please be aware that any personal information or diagnosis provided to an insurance company can no longer be held to the same standard of confidentiality, and may well become part of your permanent insurance record. Though you may receive insurance benefits, you will still be expected to pay for each session as it occurs.

Grievance Process

If you are dissatisfied with any portion of your work with me, please inform me immediately. Part of therapy is to work out solutions in a safe environment. If you think you have been treated unfairly or unethically, the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors has the general responsibility of regulating the practice of licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and unlicensed professionals who practice psychotherapy. Any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding the practice of psychotherapy or any other mental health profession may be directed to: North Carolina Board of Licensed Counselors, P.O. Box 77819, Greensboro, NC 27417, at (844) 622-3572 or by email at complaints@ncblpc.org. Please sign and date two copies of this form. You will be given a copy for your records, and I will retain a copy for my records.

By signing below I signify that I have read and understand (or have asked for clarification) the information presented.

Client's signature Date

Client's signature Date

Guardian's signature Date (If Applicable)

Counselor's signature Date
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