

Consent for Services

This agreement describes your rights and responsibilities in contracting for psychotherapy services with Craig Kern, LPC-S, LMFT. By signing this agreement below, you are agreeing to the terms of services listed.

1. **Consent for therapeutic care.** Care includes evaluation and treatment as provided under the legal statutes governing psychotherapy in the State of Texas and the ethical code of the profession.

2. **Confidentiality.** Services provided by Craig Kern will be kept private and confidential as provided under Federal and State legal statutes governing private health information. There are clear exceptions to this policy. It is the duty of Craig Kern to report to the Texas Department of Family Protective Services or to local law enforcement any information pertaining to the abuse or neglect of a person under the age of 18, over the age of 65, or with a disability. It is under the therapeutic determination of Craig Kern to inform others if the client reports immediate determination to harm themselves or others. The sharing of this information could include but is not limited to parents, family, hospital, psychiatric services, and law enforcement. It is the policy of Craig Kern to include the client on this determination if possible.

That persons under the age of 18 are designated minors in the State of Texas means that the custodial parent(s) or legal guardians have some legal access to information shared by minors in therapy. However, any information shared will be based on evaluation in regards to treatment plans and minors will be informed of any shared information.

3. **Billing.** Private pay fee for services are set for \$100 per 50 minute session hour. Sessions can also be scheduled for 80 minutes for a fee of \$150. Payment is due at time of service. Failure to provide 24 hour cancellation notice of a scheduled appointment will result in a full fee charge. Pricing is subject to change.

4. **Legal Fees.** Legal fees are \$150 per hour with a 4 hour minimum. This includes consultation with attorneys, response to subpoenas, testimony, etc. Payment is due in advance.

5. **Emergencies.** If you have an emergency, contact 911. Mental health emergencies in Travis County may contact 512-472-4357 (HELP).

6. **Complaints.** Craig Kern is licensed under the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists. Any person may file a complaint against any Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by calling 1-800-942-5540 or by writing to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors or the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Complaints Management and Investigation Section, P. O. Box 141369, Austin, Texas 78714-1369.

I have read, understood, and agreed to the service policies as detailed above.

Client Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Person under 18 Years of Age

Date