

TELEPSYCHOLOGY INFORMED CONSENT

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As a client receiving psychological services through telepsychology methods, I understand:

1. Phone or videoconferencing sessions are provided in the context of individual therapy in circumstances where an in-person session is not possible or a phone session is more feasible.
2. Dr. Wishnick is only able to provide telepsychology services for individuals located in Ohio and Indiana, where she holds valid licenses to practice psychology. You will be asked to verify your location prior to beginning any telepsychology session.
3. If telepsychology services are provided with a video component, Dr. Wishnick utilizes the HIPAA compliant service Doxy.me. It is my responsibility to maintain privacy on the client end of communication. Individuals authorized by the client and those permitted by law may also have access to records or communications.
4. I agree that when participating in phone sessions with Dr. Wishnick, should communications be broken, I will call the applicable local county crisis line if I am at risk for harming myself or others or if I am in need of mental health services. I have access to the local county crisis line and understand that the national suicide crisis line, 1-800-273-TALK [8255] is another resource. The local crisis lines are listed below. I have been provided with Dr. Wishnick's email address and phone number and understand that in a crisis I will contact her by phone.
5. Telepsychology services are provided using technology (including but not limited to video, phone, text, and email) and may not involve direct, face to face, communication. There are benefits and limitations to these service. I will need access to, and familiarity with, the appropriate technology to participate in the service provided. If a need for direct, face to face emergency services arises, it is my responsibility to contact providers in my area such as visiting a local Emergency Room or to contact this office for a face to face appointment if I am in the provider's geographical area. I understand that an opening with the provider may not be immediately available.
6. I may decline any telepsychology services at any time without jeopardizing my access to future care, services, and benefits.
7. These services rely on technology, which allows for greater convenience in service delivery. There are risks in transmitting information over the internet that include, but are not limited to, breaches of confidentiality, theft of personal information, and disruption of service due to technical difficulties.
8. Telepsychology is not appropriate for all clients or situations. When needed, my psychologist and I will reassess the appropriateness of continuing to deliver services to me through the use of technology.
9. In emergencies, in the event of disruption of service, or for routine or administrative reasons, it may be necessary to communicate by other means. Circumstances include: 1) emergency situations 2) should service be disrupted and 3) for other communication.
10. My psychologist may utilize alternative means of communication in circumstances when service is disrupted.
11. My psychologist will respond to communications and routine messages within 24 hours during the work week and 72 hours over weekends. She will utilize automatic response messages to alert clients when temporarily unavailable through email.
12. I will take the following precautions to ensure that my communications are directed only to my psychologist: I will ensure that all email communications are sent to drhillarywishnick@drhillarywishnick.com, and if protected health information (PHI) is sent, I will utilize Dr. Wishnick's secure email service, Hushmail.
13. Electronic email communications with PHI will be stored on the secure Hushmail server, and/or printed and kept in the client's file, or stored on an external drive in locked storage.
14. The laws and professional standards that apply to in-person psychological services also apply to telepsychology services. This document does not replace other agreements, contracts, or documentation of informed consent.
15. If you submit claims to insurance, please be aware that Telepsychology is not covered by all insurance companies, plans and policies. Dr. Wishnick's self-pay rate for telepsychology is the same as the in-session (face-to-face) rate of \$140 for 55 minutes, \$125 for 45 minutes and \$95 for 30 minutes or less. You will be charged for the appointment time scheduled, even if you are late. To utilize Telepsychology services, you must keep a credit card on file and it will be charged after the meeting. Dr. Wishnick will provide you with a detailed receipt upon request.

Client Name: _____

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

Psychologist Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hamilton County (513) 281-CARE (2273) or text Talbert to 839863
Butler County (844) 4CRISIS (1-844-427-4747)
Warren/Clinton County (877) 695-NEED (6333)
Clermont County (513) 528-SAVE (7283)

TELEPYCHOLOGY CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY FORM

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER (optional) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS IF APPLICABLE (IE COLLEGE ADDRESS) _____

COUNTY _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS-REQUIRED

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	RELATIONSHIP

LOCAL CRISIS SERVICES NUMBER (CAMPUS or COUNTY) if not listed _____

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