

REDWOOD

Counseling Services

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The State of Colorado requires that psychotherapy and psychiatric clinicians provide clients with certain information about the psychotherapy process. Please take time to read this page carefully, ask about any matters that seem unclear, initial where indicated, and sign the back page of the statement. A copy will be placed in your files.

As licensed therapists and registered counselors we desire to integrate sound psychological, medical, and spiritual principles in your treatment. You are entitled to receive information from any counselor concerning their methods of therapy, the techniques used, an estimation of the duration of your treatment, fee structure, risks and benefits of counseling, confidential and access to your records. You also have the right to know what other treatment options are available and the possible effectiveness of those alternatives. You may at any time seek a second opinion from another clinician and/or terminate the counseling process. Counselors/clinicians need to be informed if you are working with more than one counselor.

REGULATION OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

The practice of licensed and registered persons in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the Mental Health Licensing Section of the Division of Registrations. The regulatory boards can be reached at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver Colorado 80202, 303-894-7800. The regulatory requirements for mental health professionals provide that a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a masters degree in their profession and have two years of post-masters supervision. A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision. A Licensed Social Worker must hold a master's degree in social work. A Psychologist Candidate, a Marriage and Family Therapist Candidate, and a Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate must hold the necessary licensing degree and be in the process of completing the required supervision for licensure. A Certified Addictions Counselor I (CACI) must be a high school graduate and complete required training hours and 1000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC II must complete additional required training hours and 1000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC III must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral health, and complete additional required training and 2,000 hours of supervised experience. A Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical master's degree and meet the CAC III requirements. A registered psychotherapist is a psychotherapist listed in the State's database and is authorized by law to practice psychotherapy in Colorado but is not licensed by the state and is not required to satisfy any standardized educational or testing requirements to obtain a registration from the state.

You are entitled to receive information from your counselor about the methods of therapy, the techniques used, the duration of your therapy and the fee structure. You can seek a second opinion from another counselor or terminate counseling at any time.

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In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never appropriate and should be reported to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Registrations Mental Health Boards, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver Colorado 80202.

As a registered psychotherapist, Dr. Miller is under the authority of and is regulated by the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Registrations, the Board of Registered Psychotherapists. Examiners can be reached at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, 303-894-7800.

The information provided by the client during counseling sessions is legally confidential and cannot be released without the client's consent. If the information is legally confidential, the counselor cannot be forced to disclose the information without the client's consent. There are exceptions to this confidentiality, some of which are listed below, and in the Colorado Statute 12-43-218, C.R.S. 1998,: legal confidentiality does not apply in a criminal or delinquency proceeding, client-initiated court cases or grievance inquiries, providing information to insurance companies, supervision or consultation, grave disability, court order, or client's authorization to release information. If a legal exception arises during therapy, if feasible, you will be informed accordingly. **Mental health providers are required by law to report cases of child neglect or physical/sexual abuse to County Child Protective Services. Additionally, if any individual becomes dangerous to himself/herself or others, or is incapable of caring for himself/herself, confidentiality will be broken in order to arrange for appropriate care.**

DISCLOSURE REGARDING DIVORCE AND CUSTODY LITIGATION

If you are involved in divorce or custody litigation, my role as a counselor is not to make recommendations to the court concerning custody or parenting issues. By signing this disclosure statement, you agree not to subpoena me to court for testimony or for disclosure of treatment information in such litigation and you agree not to request that I write any reports to the court or to your attorney making recommendations concerning custody. The court can appoint professionals who have no prior relationship with family members to conduct an investigation or evaluation and to make recommendations to the court concerning parental responsibilities or parenting time in the best interest of the family's children.

Under Colorado law, C.R.S. 14-10-123.8, parents have the right to access mental health treatment information concerning their minor children unless the court has restricted access to such information. If you request treatment information from me, I may provide you with a treatment summary in compliance with Colorado law and HIPAA standards.

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INFORMATION REGARDING DR. CHRIS MILLER

Counseling Specialties

Divorce Adjustment
Families/Step Families
Men's Issues
Anger Management
Abuse Survivors
Addictions

Communication/Conflict Resolution
Adult Children of Alcoholics/Divorce
Couple/Marriage counseling
Intimacy Problems
Clergy/Church Issues
Marriage/Affair Restoration

Education

- **D.Min. Marriage and Family Counseling**, Denver Seminary, 1999
- **M.Div.** Denver Seminary, with honors, 1985
- **M.A. Secondary Education (Science)** University of Colorado, 1979
- **B.A. Biology (Anatomy and Physiology)**, University of Colorado, 1978
- **Ordained, Evangelical Presbyterian Church**, 1985
- **300 hours of clinical supervision** by Licensed Psychologists and AAMFT approved supervisors.

Dr. Miller is a registered psychotherapist in the state of Colorado with over 20,000 hours of client contact.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read the preceding information, understand my rights as a client and received information regarding my counselor's credentials both in writing and verbally. I agree to counseling under these conditions.

Printed Name of Client(s)

Signature of Client(s)

Date

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