

Telepsychology Services Consent Form

for
Natalie Smith, Psy.D.

By signing this Consent Form, I am indicating that I understand the following:

Telepsychology is the delivery of psychological services using interactive audio or audiovisual electronic system on the internet. I understand that I'm not in the same physical location with Dr. Smith. The interactive electronic systems used in telepsychology incorporate network and software security protocols from *WeCounsel.com*. This is to protect the confidentiality of patient information and audio and visual data. These protocols include measures to safeguard the data and to aid in protecting against intentional or unintentional corruption.

Our Telepsychology session entails accepting an invite from Dr. Smith to join *WeCounsel.com*. I understand that this portal works best with Firefox, and that all iPhone devices are user friendly. Androids may have complications with connecting to *WeCounsel*.

Client Requirements: You, the client, need to be a resident of Virginia. Most of the Telepsychology sessions need to be conducted in Virginia. If you are vacationing or visiting outside of the state, you can use Telepsychology services to have a session or two with Dr. Smith. For example, if you winter in Florida but see your therapist at other times of the year, you can have sessions during your stay in Florida.

Please be aware that Dr. Smith may request that you attend 1-2 sessions in person prior to proceeding with Telepsychology sessions; this is decided on an individual basis. Clients who are actively at risk of harm to self or others are not suitable for Telepsychology services. If this is the case or becomes the case in future, then other session arrangements will likely be made to maximize your safety.

Technology Requirements: You will need a computer with internet access and webcam ability; or an iPad or an iPhone. *WeCounsel.com* is one of the securest providers of this technology that Dr. Smith could find.

Payment Options: . *WeCounsel.com* provides a payment tab where you can use your credit card. You can pay using PayPal at www.DrNatalieSmith.com; or payments in-person or check. How payments are made will be discussed and agreed upon with Dr. Smith prior to telepsychology sessions.

Telepsychology sessions must be paid at the time of service

Your Rights in using Telepsychology:

1. You have the right to withdraw consent at any time. It will not affect your right to further treatment.
2. Dr. Smith has the right, at any time, to determine if Telepsychology sessions are not appropriate for your case. Should this be determined, she is obliged to continue with face-to-face services or provide referral information to other services.
3. The laws and professional standards that apply to regular psychological services apply to Telepsychology services. See www.apa.org for further information.
4. There are exceptions to client

confidentiality policies that exist for regular therapy; these also apply to Telepsychology services. If you need more information on such exceptions, please consult the Consent for Therapy Form (www.DrNatalieSmith.com) provided by Dr. Smith, or speak to her directly. 5. Despite best efforts to ensure high encryption and secure technology, there is always a risk that the transmission be breached and accessed by unauthorized persons. 6. There is a risk that services could be disrupted or distorted by unforeseen technical problems. 7. There is a risk of being overheard by anyone near you if you do not place yourself in a private room. You, the client, are responsible for creating a comfortable safe environment on your end of the transmission. It is the responsibility of Dr. Smith to do the same on her end. 8. Due to the nature of the interaction, there may be quality differences that are experienced when compared to face-to-face services. Sessions will be charged regardless of the quality. You may provide feedback to Dr. Smith should you find the quality insufficient for your needs.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____