# My Mindful Way of Life, llc.

In order to save you time when you come for your first appointment we have devised this thorough questionnaire for you to fill out prior to your visit. We estimate that it will take approximately 45 minutes to complete all of the forms. Understanding your unique situation helps us to treat you more effectively. Thank you for taking the time to assist us with this.

This packet contains:

• <u>An Adult Information Form</u> - This form asks you for background information that is pertinent for us to understand to provide you with the most integrative services. Although the form looks long, it is mostly in a checklist/ circle-yes-or-no format, so it should be fairly simple to complete. Please let us know if you have any questions.

• <u>A Notice of My Mindful Way of Life's Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of Your Health</u> <u>Information form</u> - This form is provided for your information, so you will know how we protect your private information and respect your rights to privacy.

• <u>A Statement of Understanding</u> - This is a 1-page form for you to sign indicating that you understand and agree to our privacy policies and financial policies.

• <u>A Clinical Communication Form</u> - This is a 1-page form asking permission for Dr. Klich to contact your physician or other clinician regarding your treatment at My Mindful Way of Life.

#### **Contact Information**

Name			Date of Birth	Age	Sex M or F
Address					
City		_ State	Zip	Home Phone	
Work Phone	Cell Phone _		Email		
Person responsible	for bill		Relationsh	nip to client	

#### **Communication Preference**

In the event we need to contact you to change an appointment or otherwise communicate, please indicate your preference below.

(Check one)	
Please call	_ May we leave a general message at this number YES NO
(phone number)	(date)
Please EMAIL a general mes	sages me at

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Please note that you may change your preference at any time and we request you do so in writing. Thank you.

# The following information will help your therapist to better understand you and your needs. This, as well as other communications with your therapist, will be kept confidential to the full extent of Georgia law.

Were you referred for consul If yes, referral source If you would like for your therap will need to fill out a "Release	pist to cont	act your referring professional	
Current concerns What brought you to counsel distress or creating difficulties i	ing? (Wha	t behaviors, feelings, thoughts,	
What are your goals in comir to be different for you and/or yo	0		vant to make, or how do you want things
Demographics Single Married/Domestic Partner Divorced If you are married/ partnered, Please list your spouse and cl	, for how 1	] Widowed long? Previou	
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Please let us know if there is a relationship that you are currently having difficulty with.

# **Problem areas**

Please place a check next to each problem or symptom that is currently a concern for you:

Anxiety/ worry		
	Concern about a family men	
Fearfulness/ phobias/ panic attacks	Obsessive thoughts or comp	
Concerns about weight or eating	Frequent nightmares/ intense	
Emotional sensitivity	Anger/ difficulty controlling	•
Difficulty adjusting to a life change	Can't move on or forgive so	meone
Strange thoughts or experiences	Feeling out of control	
Feeling disconnected/ numb	Forgetfulness	
Difficulty concentrating	Frequently tense or unable to	
Sleep problems	Grief from the loss of an imp	· •
Low energy, difficulty getting things done	Feeling overwhelmed or hop	peless
Irritability	Guilt or regrets	
Feeling unhappy a lot of the time	Thoughts of suicide	
Self-harming behaviors	Academic problems or education	ational concerns
Employment or work problems	Financial problems	
Marital or relationship problems	Stress from problems with c	
Stress from caring for a family member	Stress from other problems i	n the family
Insecure/ timid/ lack of self-confidence	Low self-esteem	
Discomfort in social situations		
Friendship problems	Religious or spiritual concer	ns
Stress from physical or health concerns	Sexual or intimate concerns	
Problems related to alcohol or other drug use	Problems related to gamblin	
Problems related to spending money	Spending too much time on	computer
Legal problems	Traumatic stress	
Unsafe or risky behavior	Other	
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Which areas of your life are satisfying or going we		
Family life	Work	
	Spiritual life	
Social life	☐ Hobbies/ recreation	
Physical health	Financial situation	
□ Other		
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13. Have you or a family member been seriously ill or hospitalized?	Yes or No
14. Have you had lifestyle changes because of a recently diagnosed or chronic	
illness?	Yes or No
15. Have you or a close family member had recent legal problems or been in	
prison?	Yes or No
16. Has a family member had emotional, mental health, or substance abuse	
problems?	Yes or No
17. Have you been under stress from too many activities or responsibilities?	Yes or No
18. Have there been a lot of arguments or conflicts at home?	Yes or No
19. Have you recently started an academic program or dropped out or graduated?	Yes or No
20. Have you had a change in employment (job change, job loss, promotion,	
retirement)?	Yes or No
21. Have you had a highly stressful work environment or problems at work?	Yes or No
22. Have you recently had a change in financial status or financial stress?	Yes or No
23. Have you been in financial difficulty or had inadequate income, inadequate	
health care, inadequate or unsafe living situations, or frequent worry	
about these?	Yes or No
24. Have you witnessed verbal, emotional, physical or sexual abuse; threatening o	r
disturbing behavior; or a scary situation (such as a car accident or crime)?	Yes or No
25. Have you personally experienced verbal threats, threatening behavior,	
physical violence, sexual assault or a scary situation (such as a car	
accident or crime)?	Yes or No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions about stressful circumstances, please explain briefly:

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What sources of support do you have in your life right now?\_\_\_\_\_

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How do you typically respond to problems or stres	s? (check all that apply)
Sleep a lot	☐ Have trouble sleeping
Get moody or sensitive	Discuss it with a spouse/partner or friend
☐ Lose patience more	$\Box$ Focus on caring for others
☐ Have physical symptoms	Get bossy or controlling
Avoid thinking about it	$\Box$ Watch a lot of TV
☐ Increase computer time	☐ Fight with family/friends
Ask for help	☐ Ignore the problem
Try to solve the problem	☐ Blame others
Ask your spouse/partner or friend for comfort	Use alcohol or other drugs
□ Re-focus on spiritual beliefs and activities	□ Vent anger/blow off steam
Give up or give in	Exercise more
□ Withdraw	☐ Take it out on others
Eat more/ less than usual	Pray
☐ Focus on a hobby/activity	Cry a lot
☐ Frequently tell others about your situation	Stay busy/ work more
$\square$ Need to be with others constantly	

## **Health History**

Please tell us about any previous mental health treatment you have received from a counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, or your doctor (including therapy or psychiatric medication)

If yes, please list:

Name of treatment provider	Location	Phone number	When?

Please list your current health problems or chronic medical diagnoses:

Health Problem/	How does this condition affect you?	Who is treating you?
Condition		

Please list your current medications, including supplements or herbal medicines:

Name of medication	Dosage	When start taking it?	What is the medication for?	Who prescribes it?

Did you have any difficulty with developmental delay as a child (such as problem	ns Yes or No
with walking, eating, communicating or caring for yourself)?	
Do you have any history of serious illness, injury, concussions, car accidents,	Yes or No
hospitalizations or operations?	
Do you experience chronic or recurrent pain?	Yes or No
Do you have any problems with vision or hearing?	Yes or No
Do you have any problems with balance or coordination?	Yes or No
Have you received any previous neurological evaluations, medical imaging,	Yes or No
neuropsychological assessments or psychological evaluations?	

If yes to any of the above, please describe:\_\_\_\_\_

Which best describes	yot	ir experience	with					
Cigarettes		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Other forms of tobacco		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Caffeine		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Alcohol		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Non-prescribed painkiller	rs	] Do not use [	Used bu	ıt quit 🗌	] Use occasionally	y 🗌	] Use weekly 🗌	] Use daily
Prescribed painkillers		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Narcotics		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Steroids		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Marijuana		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Stimulants		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Methamphetamine		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Cocaine		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Heroin		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Hallucinogens		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily
Other recreational drugs		Do not use	Used but	t quit 🗌	Use occasionally		Use weekly	Use daily

Have you, a family member or a friend felt or expressed concern regarding: (check all that apply)

☐ Your behavior or decision-making when using alcohol or drugs

☐ The effect of your alcohol or drug use on your relationships

The effect of your alcohol or drug use on your work or productivity

The amount of money you were spending on alcohol or drugs

The effect of your alcohol or drug use on your health

The impact of your alcohol or drug use on your work performance or other activities

Safety or legal risks related to your alcohol or drug use

The use of alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism to deal with stress

 $\Box$  None of the above

How much sleep do	you typically get each night?	hours
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What best describes your sleep? (check all that apply):

☐ Have no sleep problems	Sleep too much
Don't get enough sleep	☐ Have problems falling asleep
☐ Wake too early	□ Wake frequently at night
☐ Have irregular sleep patterns	Have frequent nightmares
☐ Wake up refreshed in the morning	$\Box$ Hard to wake up in the morning

What best describes your energy level and exercise habits? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Have a low energy level
- ☐ Have a normal energy level ☐ Rarely exercise
- ☐ Have a high energy level ☐ Occasionally exercise

Exercise daily

- $\Box \text{ Exercise a few times a week}$
- $\Box \text{ Exercise intensely (more than most people)}$
- □ Need a lot of vigorous exercise to relax or sleep well

#### Who in your family has a history of: (CIRCLE all that apply)

Depression	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Bipolar disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Anxiety disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Obsessive-compulsive	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Phobias	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Psychotic disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Autism or Asperger's	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Attention disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Learning disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Intellectual disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Substance abuse	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Gambling/ sexual addiction	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Anger control problems	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Eating disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Personality disorder	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative
Emotional problems	mother father	sibling	mother's relative	father's relative

### **Employment and Educational History**

Which best describe your current employme	ent status (check all that apply):
□ Caring for family full-time	Employed outside the house full-time
Employed outside the house part-time	Self-employed
$\square$ Retired	☐ Volunteer work
Unemployed/ seeking employment	Underemployed
Generally satisfied with employment	Dissatisfied with employment situation
☐ Active duty military	☐ Military reserve
☐ Military veteran	☐ Long commute to work
☐ Irregular hours	☐ Work evening or night shift
Work too many hours each week	Stressed from juggling work and family
Contract work/ uncertain income	☐ Making a career transition
What is your current occupation?	
What is your highest educational attainmen	t?
$\Box$ Some high school $\Box$ GED	High school diploma
	degree/ diploma Associate's degree
$\square$ Bachelor's degree $\square$ Master's d	
In school, did you ever have: (check all that	t apply)
☐ Academic or learning problems	
□ Problems completing homework or assig	onments
□ Problems adjusting to school, classroom	
□ Problems managing schedule and respon	
☐ Social difficulties	
Please describe any difficulties	
Trease deserree any announces	
Social History	
Which best describe your usual temperamen	nt or personality? (check all that apply)
$\Box$ Cheerful	Easy-going, laid back Frequently irritable
☐ Moody	$\Box$ Quiet $\Box$ Loud
	$\Box$ Disorganized $\Box$ Flexible

	Disorganized	□ Flexible
Efficient	Persistent, determined	Easily distracted
	Fun-loving	□ Focused
Busy, energetic	Calm, low-key	Spontaneous
Extroverted (prefer socializing)	☐ Introverted (prefer "alone time")	□ Shy
☐ Adaptable	Emotional or intense	□ Stable
Self-confident	Analytical and careful	Dramatic
Cautious in new situations	Prefer variety and change	□ Overwhelmed
Prefer a regular routine	Generally even-tempered	🗌 Loyal
Eager or enthusiastic in new situations	□ Dedicated	□ A leader
☐ Able to tolerate lots of stimulation	Sensitive to noise, lights, stimulat	tion

Which best describe your relationships with others? (check all that apply – you may comment below to explain further if you would like)

☐ I have a wide circle of friends and contacts	$\Box$ I have one or more close friends
☐ I am close with my family of origin	☐ I have a hard time trusting others
☐ My relationships are supportive to me	I have a hard time getting along with people
☐ I am generally satisfied with my family life	Often I am let down by people I know
□ No one knows me well	☐ I have a hard time standing up for myself
People tell me I'm too controlling	☐ I have people I can count on if needed
☐ I feel alone even when I am with others	☐ I have people who accept me just as I am
☐ I feel that I often disappoint others	☐ I am not very interested in relationships
Often people want/need too much from me,	Often people want/need too much from me
☐ I feel uncomfortable when I am by myself	☐ I think I am too sensitive in relationships
☐ I often end up in leadership positions	☐ I have problems with people in authority
☐ Other people say I am cold or insensitive	☐ I have a hard time getting along with people
☐ My relationships are friendly but not close	Even though I am interested in relationships,
Often people want/need too much from me	I can't seem to find people to connect with
Comments:	

Do you attend a church, mosque, synagogue, temple or other spiritual or religious center? What role does spirituality or religion play in your life?

\_\_\_\_\_

With what groups or organizations are you involved? What are your hobbies and leisure activities?

Thank you for taking the time to provide this important information. If there is any additional information that you would like me to know prior to your visit, please make a note below or let me know you would like me to ask about it. We will of course be discussing the reason for your visit at your initial meeting. I look forward to meeting with you.

# My Mindful Way of Life, LLC. Statement of Understanding

#### **Financial Responsibility**

Payment is due at the time of the visit. You maintain full responsibility for paying all charges for services rendered at the time of the visit though Dr. Klich will assist you in completing and filing any insurance forms should you wish to submit to insurance. This is a personal decision which we are happy to discuss with you. Nevertheless, payment must be made at the time services are rendered. Dr. Klich at My Mindful Way of Life, LLC. accepts payment by cash, or credit card including Visa. MasterCard, and Discover and American express.

Dr. Klich reserves the right to charge the session rate of \$200 for all services rendered on your behalf, including, but not limited to, phone conversations, insurance form completion, correspondence, etc. except when agreed upon by you and Dr. Klich. Fees for LEGAL SERVICES are charged at a different rate from clinical services. Please ask for a fee schedule for nonclinical services. Such services include, but is not limited to, court appearances, travel, depositions, attorney correspondence/communication, affidavits, etc.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

In the event of an emergency, you will not be charged for session cancellation as a one-time courtesy. We reserve the right to ask for proof of emergency. Cancellations for any other reasons that are not received by center staff at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled sessions will be billed at the usual session rate of \$200.00. Monday appointments must be cancelled by noon on the preceding Thursday, and appointments scheduled on the day after a holiday must be cancelled on the business day prior to the holiday. \*\*Please note if you are submitting to insurance your insurance company will not pay for missed appointments.

#### **Protected Health Information**

Your therapist may be required by your insurance company to disclose your protected health information (PHI), and some insurance companies require coordination of care with your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

#### Effective Date, Restrictions, and Changes to Privacy Policy

We reserve the right to modify the terms of this notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all PHI that we maintain. In the event of a modification, we will provide you with a revised notice by mail or during your next session.

#### **Informed Consent**

By affixing my signature to this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to all of the policies detailed above. I have read My Mindful Way of Life's Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of Your Health Information, and / both understand and approve of its content. I consent for my therapist to disclose PHI to my insurance company or PCP if required for payment of claims.

Printed Name of Client	Witness	
Signature of Client and/or Guardian	Date	

Notice of My Mindful Way of Life Center's Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of Your Health Information

#### THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

I. Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations

We may use or disclose your protected health information (PHI), for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes with your consent. To help clarify these terms, here are some definitions:

• "PHI" refers to information in your health record that could identify you.

- - *Treatment* is when we provide, coordinate or manage your health care and other services related to your health care. An example treatment would be when we consult with another health care provider, such as your family physician or another Therapist. Another example would be when we release your treatment plan to your insurance company and/or to your primary care physician.
  - *Payment* is when we obtain reimbursement for your healthcare. Examples of payment are when we disclose your PHI to your health insurer to obtain reimbursement for your health care or to determine eligibility or coverage.
  - *Health Care Operations* are activities that relate to the performance and operation of my practice. Examples of health care operations are quality assessment and improvement activities, business-related matters such as audits and administrative services, and case management and care coordination.

• "Use" applies only to activities within our [office, clinic, practice group, etc.] such as sharing, employing, applying, utilizing, examining, and analyzing information that identifies you.

• "Disclosure" applies to activities outside of our [office, clinic, practice group, etc.], such as releasing, transferring, or providing access to information about you to other parties.

#### II. Uses and Disclosures Requiring Authorization

We may use or disclose PHI for purposes outside of treatment, payment, or health care operations when your appropriate authorization is obtained. An "*authorization*" is written permission above and beyond the general consent that permits only specific disclosures. In those instances when we asked for information for purposes outside of treatment, payment or health care operations, we will obtain an authorization from you before releasing this information. We will also need to obtain an authorization before releasing your Psychotherapy Notes. "*Psychotherapy Notes*" are notes we have made about your conversation during a private, group, joint, or family counseling session, which we have kept separate from the rest of your medical record. These notes are given a greater degree of protection than PHI.

You may revoke all such authorizations (of PHI or Psychotherapy Notes) at any time, provided each revocation is in writing. You may not revoke an authorization to the extent that (1) we have relied on that authorization; or (2) if the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, law provides the insurer the right to contest the claim under the policy.

#### III. Uses and Disclosures with Neither Consent nor Authorization

We may use or disclose PHI without your consent or authorization in the following circumstances:

• Child Abuse — If we have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused, we must report that belief to the appropriate authority.

• Adult and Domestic Abuse —If we have reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult or elderly person has had a physical injury or injuries inflicted upon such disabled adult or elderly person, other than by accidental means, or has been neglected or exploited, we must report that belief to the appropriate authority.

• Health Oversight Activities — If we are the subject of an inquiry by the Georgia Board of Psychological Examiners, we may be required to disclose protected health information regarding you in proceedings before the Board.

• Judicial and Administrative Proceedings —If you are involved in a court proceeding and a request is made about the professional services we provided you or the records thereof', such information is privileged under state law, and we will not release information without your written consent or a court order. The privilege does not apply when you are being evaluated for a third party or where the evaluation is court ordered. You will be informed in advance it this is the case.

• Serious Threat to Health or Safety — If we determine, or pursuant to the standards of my profession should determine, that you present a serious danger of violence to yourself or another, we may disclose information in order to provide protection against such danger you or the intended victim.

• Worker's Compensation — we may disclose protected health information regarding you authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to worker's compensation or other similar programs, established by law, that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault. Whenever possible we have you sign a permission to release information.

IV. Patient's Rights and Therapist's Duties

#### Patient's Rights:

• Right to Request Restrictions — You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information. However, we are not required to agree to a restriction you request.

• Right to Receive Confidential Communications by Alternative Means and at Alternative Locations — You have the right to request and receive confidential communications of PHI by alternative means and at alternative locations. (For example, you may not want a family member to know that you are seeing therapists. On your request, we will send your bills to another address.)

• Right to Inspect and Copy — You have the right to inspect or obtain a copy (or both) of PHI in your mental health and billing records used to make decisions about you for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. We may deny your access to PHI under certain circumstances, but in some cases you may

have this decision reviewed. On your request, we will discuss with you the details of the request and denial process. Your therapist may also deny access to your Psychotherapy Notes.

• Right to Amend — You have the right to request an amendment of PHI for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. We may deny your request. On your request, we will discuss with you the details of the amendment process.

• Right to an Accounting — You generally have the right to receive and accounting of disclosures of PHI. On your request, we will discuss with you the details of the accounting process.

• Right to a Paper Copy — You have the right to obtain a paper copy of the notice from us upon request, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically.

#### Therapist's Duties:

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide you with a notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI.

We reserve the right to change the privacy policies and practices described in this notice. Unless we notify you of such changes, however, we are required to abide by the terms currently in effect.

If we revise these policies and procedures, we will notify you by mail or on your next session.

#### V. Complaints

If you are concerned that your therapist have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your records, you may contact Dr. Klich. You may also send a written complaint to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Klich can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

#### VI. Cancellation Policy

Dr. Klich reserves the right to charge their session rate of \$200 for all services rendered on your behalf, including, but not limited to, phone conversations, insurance form completion, correspondence, etc except when agreed upon by you and Dr. Klich. Fees for LEGAL SERVICES are charged at a different rate from clinical services. Please ask for a fee schedule for nonclinical services. Such services include, but is not limited to, court appearances, travel, depositions, attorney correspondence/communication, affidavits, etc.