

Interconnected Counseling Services by Jordan & Jamie Heater

**Confidentiality Agreement:** The Client recognizes that Jordan & Jamie Heater are not licensed professional counselors (LPCs). They are, however, under supervision by licensed counselors and are working to complete their certification process. This counseling relationship, as well as all information (documented or verbal) that the Client shares with the Counselor as part of this relationship, is bound by the principles of confidentiality. The Counselor agrees to keep all conversations and information with the Client private and confidential, as allowable by law. No personal information will be shared with anyone without the Client's express permission. That being said, the Counselor-Client relationship is not considered a legally confidential relationship (like the medical and legal professions) and thus communications are not subject to the protection of any legally recognized privilege. The Counselor will not disclose the Client's name as a reference without the Client's consent. The Client also acknowledges his or her continuing obligation to raise any confidentiality questions or concerns with the Counselor in a timely manner.

**Limits to this agreement**

1. In some legal proceedings a judge may issue a court order. This would require the Counselor to testify in court.
2. If I learn of or believe that there is physical or sexual abuse or neglect of any person under 18 years of age, I must report this information to county child protection services.
3. If I learn of or believe that an elderly person, or disabled person is being abused or neglected, I must file a report with the appropriate state agency that handles elder abuse.
4. If I learn of or believe that you are threatening serious harm to another person, I am obligated to report this. This can be in the form of telling the person who you have threatened, contacting the police or placing you into hospitalization.
5. If there is evidence that you are a danger to yourself and I believe that you are likely to kill yourself unless protective measure are taken, I may be obligated to seek hospitalization for you or to contact family members or others who can help provide protection
6. There may be times when I consult with outside sources about cases. In these cases, no personally identifiable information will be used to discuss this case. However, discussion topics will be used in order to ensure that I am getting and giving the best assistance possible. The persons with whom I discuss cases are legally bound to keep information confidential.

**I have read and discussed the above information with my Counselor. I understand the nature and limits of confidentiality.**

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**Client signature**

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**Date**