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**Client Information and Office Policies for Kerri Shaw, MSW, LISW  
Licensed Independent Social Worker**

I provide counseling and behavioral services to children, adolescents, women and families. I am pleased that you are considering working with me, and hope that I can be of service. This document will provide some basic information about my background as well as the professional services that I can offer.

**My Professional Qualifications and Experience**

In 1996, I received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with a minor in Psychology from Ohio University and also earned my LSW licensure. From 1996 – 1998, I practiced school social work in Washington County as a Prevention Specialist in five elementary schools. I served in the Peace Corps from 1999 – 2002 as a Municipal Services Development Volunteer in Paraguay. In 2004, I graduated from Ohio University with a Master's Degree in Social Work Administration and was awarded Independent Licensure in 2009, after two years of practicing under supervision. I have practiced school social work in Athens County since 2005 and have also spent one year counseling women in abusive relationships at a domestic violence shelter. I have received additional training in behavior management, treatment of ADHD, child abuse and neglect, and mediation, and am also fluent in Spanish. In 2012 I began working as a Field Education Instructor in the Ohio University Social Work Program.

I am qualified to assess, diagnose, and treat mental and emotional disorders and specialize in working with children and adolescents with behavior and mental health issues, as well as LGBTQ and gender-identity related issues. I work closely with parents to develop parenting skills and provide relevant information and education about typical child development and specific emotional/behavioral difficulties. I am also qualified to counsel women who are experiencing relational difficulties such as domestic violence or abuse, or who are experiencing anxiety and/or depression.

As a social worker, I believe that it is important to work with individuals, families, school systems and medical providers to address issues in a holistic manner. I also believe in identifying strengths and resources while facing challenges together.

## **Appointments**

Appointments may be scheduled as needed either at the end of the session or by phone. My number is 592-5689. You can also reach our office manager, Karen White, at 592-5689. If you find that you are unable to keep your appointment, please notify Karen or me at least 24 hours in advance. I allow one grace occurrence of a late cancellation or missed appointment however, after that, I bill at half the usual rate. If you are using your insurance to defray the cost of this service, please be aware that most insurance policies will not pay for missed sessions, leaving you fully responsible for the cost. Please just give me a call if you cannot attend a scheduled appointment.

## **Fees**

The fee for my service is \$95 for an initial intake and then \$85 for ongoing 50-minute sessions. An additional 10 minutes is included for reviewing and writing session notes. Payment must be made at the time of service, unless you have made other arrangements with me in advance. Checks or cash are acceptable.

## **Treatment Plan**

When services are initiated, you and I will discuss your current concerns and identify goals for our work together. Periodically, we will review your progress and refine our goals and objectives; you may request a review of goals and progress at any time. If you ever have questions or concerns about our work together, please do not hesitate to voice them. Therapy is a collaborative process and you will enjoy the greatest benefits when we can clearly identify your goals and develop an agreeable plan of action.

## **Emergencies**

Occasionally, you may need to contact me in an emergency. Emergency appointments can be scheduled, as we deem necessary. Phone consultations may also be needed. If you find that you frequently need emergency phone consultations, a fee for this service will be negotiated. If you feel there is a danger of harming yourself or someone else, please contact me immediately. In the event that I am unavailable, you may contact Careline (24 hour crisis hotline) at 593-3344.

## **Ethics and Professional Standards\***

As a Licensed Independent Social Worker licensed by the State of Ohio, I abide by legal regulations and the profession's stringent code of ethics for professional standards and conduct.

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