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# **Client Agreement and Consent for Psychological Services**

Welcome to the psychology practice of Anna Tamis, Ph.D. and Farr Carey, Psy.D. This document contains important information about our professional services and business policies.

## PLEASE READ THIS FORM THOROUGHLY.

### When you sign this document, it will represent a binding agreement.

Nature of Services: Anna Tamis, Ph.D. and Farr Carey, Psy.D. are clinical psychologists in private practice who provides the following professional services :

- a. Psychological or neuropsychological evaluations;
- b. Diagnosis of psychological disorder(s) related to cognitive, academic, social, emotional or behavioral functioning;
- c. Administering diagnostic tests related to cognition, academic ability, learning patterns, achievement, motivation, mood, anxiety, social, emotional, behavioral and personality factors.
- d. Interpreting diagnostic test related to cognition, academic ability, learning patterns, achievement, motivation, mood, anxiety, social, emotional, behavioral and personality factors
- e. Providing psychological counseling for individuals, groups and families.

f. Consulting with educators, parents, and mental health or medical personnel on issues related to psychological, behavioral, social or emotional development, behavior, school placement, Section 504 Accommodation Plans (504), Individualized Education Plans (IEP), review and/or academic difficulties.

- g. Conducting diagnostic clinical assessment for purposes of identifying special needs;
- h. Developing treatment programs and strategies to address areas of need;
- i. Coordinating intervention strategies for management of individual crises.

#### 2. Confidentiality, Privilege, Technology, and Medical Records:

a. The privacy of communication between a client and a Psychologist is protected by law, in that information cannot be released without written permission. There are exceptions to confidentiality that are allowed or mandated by law, these exceptions include, but are not limited to the following: suspected abuse of a child, elder or dependent adult; danger to self or others; childhood victim of a crime; legal proceedings by court order; or investigation of criminal cases by law enforcement officials. If an exception of confidentiality appears to apply, the clinician will inform the client when she becomes aware of the situation.

b. Electronic forms of communication (e.g., fax, email, cell phone, voicemail, text messages, online scheduling, Paypal, etc.) have risk that may compromise confidentiality. If a client opts to use social media to connect with Anna Tamis, Ph.D. or Farr Carey, Psy.D, any posted material may not be confidential (e.g., Twitter follows, Facebook likes, Google, Yelp review, etc.)..

#### 3. Fees for Psychological Testing and Other Psychological Services:

a. Charges are based on an hourly rate, which is currently \$200.00/hour and is subject to change. The standard full psychoeducational evaluation fee includes an initial meeting, school observation, testing sessions, scoring, report writing, and a feedback session with parents and a separate one with children which typically consists of a total of 15-20 hours at the minimum. A deposit of \$1500 is due when initial paperwork is submitted. Remaining payments for psychological evaluations are due and payable in full at the final assessment session. A signed, written report in final form will be provided only after receipt of payment in full. Apart from the standard testing fee, the following psychological services are billed at the hourly rate of \$200/hour for a 60 -minute teleconference session: consultation meetings without testing, school meetings (e.g., IEP, 504, SST), intelligence testing only, review of school plans following the evaluation, consultation with school staff, child, and/or parent following the evaluation. Services outside of the psychological evaluation will be billed on a monthly basis and are due within thirty (30) days. Balances past due more than 30 days may be assessed a finance charge of \$250 per month on any unpaid balance. Client agrees to cover any and all fees associated with a collection agency, attorney, or other entity if they are needed to address unpaid charges, disputes, breach of contract, or any other matter.

b. Neither Anna Tamis, Ph.D. nor Farr Carey, Psy.D. are part of an insurance panel, nor designated providers on an insurance plan, and do not submit reports to insurance agencies. Anna Tamis, Ph.D. and Farr Carey, Psy.D. do provide an invoice, which lists diagnoses, dates of service, and procedure codes, which you may submit, depending upon your coverage, to an agency for reimbursement. However, the client is responsible for full payment of services. c. Anna Tamis, Ph.D. and Farr Carey, Psy.D. honor a 24-hour cancellation policy. Please provide at least 24 hours prior to notification or you will be subject

to billing for one hour of service at the current hourly rate.

d. A non-refundable deposit for psycho-educational evaluations, in the amount of \$1500, must accompany this signed Client Agreement. This deposit will be applied as a credit to the final bill.

#### I have read the information above and agree to the terms.

Name of Client / Date of Birth

Signature of Parent or Guardian/Date

Name & Address of Financially Responsible Party

Signature of Financially Responsible Party/Date

Anna Tamis, Ph.D

Signature of Client (if above 18)/Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian/Date

Signature of Client (if above 18)/Date

Agreed upon fee per hour

Farr Carey, Psy.D.