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Limits of Confidentiality

As a Marriage and Family Therapist, your safety and well being is of utmost importance to me. The safety and well being of your family, your acquaintances, and people in the community are also important to me.

As a Marriage and Family Therapist, I am a Mandated Reporter and have a Duty to Warn in case of suspected abuse or threat of violence. Therefore, it is my professional, ethical, and legal responsibility to take immediate action in event of the following situations:

- If you state an intent, a plan, and means to harm yourself
- If you state an intent, a plan, and means to harm another person
- If I hear direct reference to or see signs of possible child or elder abuse and neglect
- If there is admitted use of controlled substances while pregnant

Taking immediate action for the above situations may involve any of the following actions:

- Making arrangements for precautions with you and a trusted family member or emergency contact person. Cooperation would not be necessary but hoped for and beneficial for treatment if hospitalization is required to ensure your safety
- Warning the person who has been targeted for harm to ensure their safety, and informing the Police Department to ensure your safety
- Reporting the suspected child or elder abuse, or prenatal exposure to controlled substances, to Child Protective Services or Adult Protective Services to ensure the child or elder's safety.

What is a Mandated Reporter?

“A Mandated Reporter is someone who, based on their profession, has established relationships with children. Mandated reporters are, by law, required to report any suspicion or knowledge of child abuse or neglect to Children’s Protective Services (CPS) at the Department of Human Services (DHS).”

- From the website of DHS:

http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7119_44443-157836--,00.html

What is Duty to Warn?

“If a patient communicates to a mental health professional that is treating the patient a threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable third person and the recipient has the apparent intent and ability to carry out that threat in the foreseeable future, the mental health professional has a duty to take action...”

- From the website of the Michigan Legislature

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(yolxevalnzh555johott55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-330-1946](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(yolxevalnzh555johott55))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-330-1946)

Professional Consultations and Supervision

It is my professional and ethical responsibility to seek consultation and supervision from experts, supervisors, and mentors in my chosen fields of art therapy and marriage and family therapy. This is essential to my learning and using current best practices, but more importantly to ensure that I consider all possibilities in acting on behalf of your treatment and to maintain the safety of our therapy relationship.

The professionals with whom I will consult or who will supervise or mentor me are highly trained and experienced therapists. I would provide only that information necessary for applying best practices and maintaining safety.