

CARE & COUNSEL, SC

Consumer Grievance Process and Rights:

1. The right to be informed of your rights.
2. The right to confidentiality of all conversations and records. However, there may be specific situations such as those involving suspected child abuse, threat or harm to self or others, where it might be required to report information to the appropriate authorities. Please discuss this with your therapist if you have a concern.
3. The right to receive prompt and adequate treatment.
4. The right to the least restrictive treatment conditions necessary.
5. The right to be referred to other helping resources.
6. The right to be free from unnecessary medications.
7. The right to withdraw from treatment on request.
8. The right not to be filmed or taped.
9. The right to suggest treatment methods and procedures.
10. The right to access treatment records with 48 hour notice.
11. The right to file a grievance if you feel you have been treated unfairly.

Informed Consent to Treatment:

All patients or their guardians must provide informed consent prior to treatment. This means that the patient or guardian understands the following:

1. The benefits of therapy are to help alleviate the problems and symptoms presented.
2. Therapy is conducted in individual, family or group sessions with a therapist for purposes of defining and resolving problems and concerns.
3. If there are any expected side-effects from therapy they will be discussed with you.
4. The therapist will suggest alternative treatment modes and make referrals when appropriate or necessary.
5. The possible consequences of foregoing therapy can be discussed.

I have read, understand and have been given a copy of the above Patient's Rights and general principles of informed consent and Notice of Privacy Practices Brochure. I accept these principles and hereby consent to treatment as agreed upon with my therapist.

Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____