

## **PERSONAL BACKGROUND FORM**

Please fill out this form as honestly and accurately as possible. You have a right to choose not to disclose any information requested in this form and can instead choose to discuss it privately with your therapist/assessor. Please note that your therapist/assessor and staff will see your responses to these questions and this information will become an official part of your medical record. Your information is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent. This information will be used to help meet your healthcare needs as well as to allow us to identify any potential gaps in care in our clinic. We strive to provide the best healthcare possible, and we appreciate your assistance in this process.

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Select one:

- Single    Married    Divorced    Widowed    Living with intimate partner  
 Dating

2. What is your current living situation?:

- Roommate    Significant other/romantic partner    Parents    Siblings  
 Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

### **CULTURAL BACKGROUND**

3. Please describe your ethnic/racial identity in your own words:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please describe your gender identity and preferred pronoun in your own words:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Please describe your sexual orientation in your own words:

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is your religious or spiritual affiliation if any?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any cultural backgrounds that are important to you (e.g., nationality, religion, spirituality, education, economic status, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation)? If yes, please give a brief description:

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\_\_\_\_\_

### **EMPLOYMENT**

8. Are you currently employed?  Yes, full-time    Yes, part-time    No, currently unemployed  
If yes, what type of work do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please estimate your income before taxes (not including spouse's income) in any of the following ways:

- i. Hourly \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Weekly \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Monthly \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Yearly \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please indicate the number of adults & children living in your household:  
\_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_ children

11. How satisfied are you with your currently financial situation?

- Not Satisfied at all       Somewhat Satisfied       Very Satisfied

**EDUCATION**

12. How many years of schooling have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you currently in school?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, what are you studying?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you experienced any academic or personal difficulties in school?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. How well did you do in school? (e.g., grades, teacher's report, subjects of strengths/weaknesses)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you ever been diagnosed with a learning disability?

- Yes  
 No

Have you been assessed for this disability in the past? If so, when?

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**FAMILY INFORMATION**

17. Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
  Name                          Age                          Living w You?

Children (Please list all children whether living with you or not)

(1)	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Age	Living w You?
(2)	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Age	Living w You?
(3)	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Age	Living w You?
(4)	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Age	Living w You?

18. Please provide the following information about your family:

Mother Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, year and cause of death: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, age and health status: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, where does she live now? \_\_\_\_\_

Her occupation (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Substance Abuse (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Father Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, year and cause of death: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, age and health status: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, where does he live now? \_\_\_\_\_

His occupation (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Substance Abuse (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Other guardians/parental figures (e.g., step-parent, partner of parent, aunt):

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, year and cause of death: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, age and health status: \_\_\_\_\_

If living, where does (s)he live now? \_\_\_\_\_

His/her occupation (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Substance Abuse (past and/or present) \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Age Occupation Where located?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PERSONAL HISTORY**

19. Where did you grow up? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Were your parents ever separated or divorced?  Yes  No

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**

21. How would you describe your social support network (e.g., parents, siblings, friends, romantic partners)?

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22. How satisfied are you with your currently social relationships?

- Not Satisfied at all       Somewhat Satisfied       Very Satisfied

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

23. Have you had a physical examination within the last six months?     Yes     No

If yes, what were the results:

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24. Are you currently receiving medical care?       Yes     No

If yes, please describe briefly:

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25. Name of physician in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Have you experienced any of the following health problems? Please check all that apply:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure/Hypertension | <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcer or gastrointestinal problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac/Heart problems           | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disorder                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic or frequent headaches     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory problems             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting or Blackouts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic pain                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Injury: What kind? _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures/Convulsions              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory problems                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Issues                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other health problems? _____ |  |

27. Have you been hospitalized for illness or injury in the past 10 years?  Yes     No

If yes, approximate dates and condition: \_\_\_\_\_

28. Have you been hospitalized for a psychiatric/psychological reason?  Yes     No

If yes, approximate dates and issue: \_\_\_\_\_

29. Are you currently taking any medications?  Yes  No

<u>Type of Medication</u>	<u>Average Dosage</u>	Frequency
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

30. Have there been any serious illnesses, accidents, deaths or other physical concerns within your family in the past 5 years?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS SERVICES**

31. Have you ever had any personal (individual) psychotherapy?  Yes  No

If yes, for what concern? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date: \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

32. Have you ever had couple counseling or family therapy?  Yes  No

If yes, for what concern? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date: \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

33. If you have received therapy before, was it helpful?  Yes  No

If yes, in what way was it helpful?

\_\_\_\_\_

If not, in what way was it unsatisfactory?

\_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSTANCE USE**

34. Have you ever used any drugs or medications other than as prescribed (for recreational purposes)? This includes prescription medications, marijuana, PCP, LSD, amphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine, opiates, ecstasy, and others.

Yes  No

Are you currently using any of these drugs?  Yes  No

If you have used any drugs or medications other than prescribed, please fill out the requested information:

Type    Frequency/Amount (How much?)    Duration (How long?)    How taken (Injected? Orally?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

35. Do you drink alcohol?  Yes  No  
If yes, how much do you drink? \_\_\_\_\_ drinks per day \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, do you feel your drinking has caused any problems in your work, school, or relationships?  Yes  No Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTING PROBLEM**

36. In your own words, what brings you into the clinic? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Have you had problems like this before?  Yes  No  
If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

38. When did these problems start? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

39. What have you tried to make them better?  
\_\_\_\_\_

40. Why are you seeking therapy now (e.g., problems gotten worse recently, recent stressors, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

41. Have you experienced any particular sources of stress in the last year?  
 Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. Do you have any expectations of your services? Are there any concerns?  
\_\_\_\_\_

43. Are there any other health care professionals (e.g., physicians, psychotherapists, social workers, etc.) whom you feel might have information that would help in treatment?

Yes  No  
If yes, please give details:

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44. Is there any other background information you think would be helpful to know?

Yes  No If yes, please explain:

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\_\_\_\_\_