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This document contains important information about the practice of Dr. Edwin C. Oliver, Psy.D., LLC and the professional services he offers, and his business practices. Please read the following information carefully and feel free to ask any questions.

When you sign this document, it will represent an agreement between yourself and Dr. Oliver.

Purpose and Nature of Evaluation:

A psychoeducational evaluation can be conducted for a number of purposes. However, the primary purpose of an evaluation is to obtain a current assessment of cognitive and academic functioning in a range of areas. Psychoeducational assessment involves an assessment of intellectual, academic, social, behavioral, and emotional functioning. This assessment involves a combination of standardized testing, informal testing, interviews, questionnaires, observation, as well as a review of previous records. Each assessment involves an office visit, a written report, and a feedback interview. The results of the assessment include a description of the client's current level of functioning in the areas assessed, recommendations, and referrals for further services when appropriate. Feedback is provided both in a written report as well as an in-person meeting, called the feedback session.

Psychoeducational assessment involves benefits and risks:

Psychoeducational assessment provides the opportunity to assess an individual's functioning relative to a comparison group, and to identify strengths and weaknesses, which in turn can inform interventions. The perspective of an experienced psychologist provides the benefit of an in-depth understanding of the interplay between cognitive, academic, developmental, and emotional factors, and how these impact functioning both in and outside of school or work. Benefits also include receiving a detailed description of strengths and weaknesses in the areas covered by the assessment, as well as specific recommendations for addressing areas of difficulty. Nevertheless, psychological assessment provides a snapshot of the client's functioning at one point in time. Therefore, while the evaluation may be helpful in focusing a diagnosis and making treatment recommendations, findings, diagnoses, and recommendations may change over time. Psychological assessment typically presents a relatively low risk to participants. It is possible patients may feel uncomfortable or anxious about being tested; nevertheless, psychologists are trained to detect and respond sensitively to indications of anxiety. In addition, test results and written reports are written with appropriate sensitivity and discretion to ensure patients are not adversely affected by inappropriate use of such information. While certain recommendations for accommodations may or may not be indicated, the recommendations are in no way a guarantee that you or your child will receive those services or accommodations. For children, whether or not your child receives those accommodations are usually determined by schools or persons who work for companies admitting standardized examinations.

Confidentiality:

Information obtained in psychological evaluations will be kept confidential unless one or more of the following circumstances applies:

- a) When the client provides written consent for release of information;
- b) If there is a need to protect against a clear and substantial risk of imminent serious harm to the client or another person;
- c) If the client discloses information regarding potential or current child/elder/domestic abuse that requires notification of authorities;
- d) If the client voluntarily testifies in a court of law on a particular topic, the psychologist may also be compelled to testify on that same topic;
- e) If a client files a claim against the psychologist, resulting from the provision of psychological services, the psychologist may disclose confidential information;
- f) Under some circumstances, a court order for the release of information may be honored. In each such circumstance, the client will be informed about the nature and extent of what information was/will be released;
- g) If the fees for services provided to the client have not been paid within 90 days, the client's name and address, dates seen, and services provided may be turned over to a collection agency.

Maintenance of Records

Clients will be provided with feedback regarding the results of psychological evaluation. Following termination of services, records are maintained in physical or electronic form for a period of 12 years following the last date of service. After 12 years, files of clients 21 years of age or older will be purged.

Scheduling

Psychological evaluations typically run between 3 and 4 hours on one day. Once you have confirmed dates for evaluation, this date is reserved for you. If for some reason you are unable to attend the scheduled dates, another date can be scheduled.

Fees

The cost is \$2500 for a full Psychoeducational Evaluation (increasing to \$3000 on 1/1/2024). Dr. Oliver does not participate in any health plans and does not submit insurance claim forms, nor does accept third party payment for services. Clients, or their parents, will be billed directly. Appropriate itemized invoices will be provided so individuals can seek reimbursement from their insurance company on their own. Reports will not be released until payment has been made in full. I have read and understand this form and accept it as part of the terms of my services.

Client or Parent Signature

Date of Signature